



Item: AF: I-2

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

SUBJECT: REVIEW PROPOSAL TO INITIATE A TECHNOLOGY FEE.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Informational review of a proposal to initiate a Technology Fee effective academic year 2009-10.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under Section 1009.24(13)(s), Florida Statutes, the university is authorized to establish a Technology Fee not to exceed five (5) percent of the base undergraduate tuition as determined by the Legislature. As specified in statute, "Each university Board of Trustees is authorized to establish "a technology fee up to 5 percent of the tuition per credit hour, beginning with the fall term of the 2009-2010 academic year. The revenue from this fee shall be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty. The technology fee shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program."

A Technology Fee Committee was appointed to review the feasibility of such a fee and to determine an appropriate rate structure. The Committee was comprised of nine students and seven faculty/staff members. After several meetings the Committee recommended that the fee be set at up to five (5) percent of base undergraduate tuition per credit hour for all levels. Upon consideration of costs, needs, and planned expenditures, a technology fee of four (4) percent of the base matriculation fee, equaling \$3.54 per credit hour, is recommended. A process to award funds generated from these fees was recommended by the Committee to include an Oversight Committee comprised of at least 50 percent students to review and approve proposed allocations and expenditures.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

July 1, 2009

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This fee increase will generate approximately \$1,700,000 for the Fall and Spring semesters; \$2,000,000 annually. These funds will be expended in accordance with an expenditure plan approved by a Technology Fee Oversight Committee comprised of students, faculty and staff.

Supporting Documentation: Proposed Regulation 8.001 Amendment: Tuition and Fees

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