

Item: <u>AF: I-4</u>

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SUBJECT: REVIEW PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STUDENT HEALTH FEE.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Informational review of a proposal to increase the Student Health Fee effective fall semester 2009.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under Section 1009.24(11), Florida Statutes, the University is authorized to establish a Student Health Fee. A Student Health Fee Committee was established and is recommending an increase of \$.30 per credit hour. The fee increase will allow the Health and Wellness Centers to enhance the delivery of quality health and wellness services on all campuses and continue to address the recommendations that were outlined in the 2007 American College Association Consultant Report and the March 2008 Board of Governors Report titled "The Mental Health Continuum of Care and Related Issues in the State University System."

In addition to addressing staffing issues, some of the revenue generated by the fee increase will help to expand the marketing campaign to make more students aware of the availability of Health and Wellness services. Lastly, funds will be used to expand the University's health education programs such as the On-line Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Fall 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This fee increase will generate approximately \$148,000 for the Fall and Spring semesters; \$168,000 annually.

Supporting Documentation: Proposed Regulation 8.001 Amendment: Tuition and Fees

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