



Item: AF: I-5

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

**SUBJECT: REVIEW PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY AND SERVICE FEE.**

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### **PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Informational review of a proposal to increase the Activity and Service Fee effective academic year 2009-2010.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under Section 1009.24(10)(a)(b), Florida Statutes, the University is authorized to establish an Activity and Service Fee. An Activity and Service Fee Committee was established and is recommending an increase of \$.40 per credit hour. The primary purpose of the increase is to provide adequate funding to maintain quality programs and facilities for FAU students. The current Activity and Service Fee is \$10.00 and has not been increased since 2001-02.

Over the past eight years, the University has experienced a significant increase in enrollment and the number of Student Organizations has doubled during this time period. In addition, several facilities that receive partial or full funding to operate from the Activity and Service Fee have been constructed (Davie Student Union, Boca Raton Recreation Center, MacArthur (Burrow) Activity Center, Treasure Coast Activity Center) on our campuses. The costs to operate these facilities as well as the Boca Raton Student Union continue to increase. Growth in Student Organizations and Campus Life activities has increased the number of requests for program funding.

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

July 1, 2009

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The fee increase will generate approximately \$200,000 for the Fall and Spring semesters; \$235,000 annually.

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**Supporting documentation:** Proposed Regulation 8.001 Amendment: Tuition and Fees

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