



Item: AF: I-3

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE ATHLETIC FEE.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Informational review of a proposal to increase the Athletic Fee effective Academic Year 2009-10.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under Section 1009.24(13)(s), Florida Statutes, the university is authorized to establish an Athletic fee. An Athletic Fee Committee was appointed and is recommending an increase of \$0.55 per credit hour. The primary purpose is to help offset the increases in tuition that took place in 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10. The additional fee revenues generated by this increase will be directed to student athlete scholarship support.

A member of the Sun Belt Conference, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) sponsors 18 NCAA Division I sports involving 500 student athletes. FAU Owls teams compete in football, basketball, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, cross country, volleyball, cheer, and dance, winning more than 20 conference championships in recent years. In men's soccer, the FAU team holds membership in the Mid-American Conference.

In 2007, FAU's seven-year old football team became the youngest in NCAA history to reach and win a bowl game. One year later, the team brought home another stunning victory by winning a second bowl game, providing convincing evidence of its rapid maturation. FAU's softball team, one of the best in the nation, has won ten conference titles. For the most-up-to-date information on intercollegiate sports at FAU, visit www.fausports.com.

FAU is among the most distinctive universities in the United States in terms of student demographics and diversity, number of campuses, and community college partnerships. Over the past five years, FAU has added programs and support facilities to assure competitive programs. Additional funding is needed to ensure that sufficient scholarship dollars are available so student athletes can make satisfactory and timely progress in fulfilling degree requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

July 1, 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This fee increase will generate approximately \$270,000 for the Fall and Spring semesters; \$320,000 annually.

Supporting Documentation: Proposed Regulation 8.001 Amendment: Tuition and Fees.

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Anticipated Usage of Athletic Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Increase

\$270,000

– Approx. 491,000 credit hours

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE</u> (Based on current squad list)
Football	\$ 88,805
Baseball	\$ 8,938
Men's Basketball	\$ 12,417
Men's Cross Country	\$ 705
Men's Golf	\$ 2,340
Men's Soccer	\$ 16,023
Men's Swimming/Diving	\$ 8,788
Men's Tennis	\$ 3,305
Women's Basketball	\$ 14,095
Women's Cross Country	\$ 64,355
Women's Golf	\$ 7,537
Women's Soccer	\$ 11,322
Softball	\$ 8,397
Women's Swimming/Diving	\$ 23,815
Women's Tennis	\$ 15,260
Women's Volleyball	\$ 19,777
TOTAL	\$305,879 * Does not include new proposed fees

State University System of Florida

Current Student-Athletic Fees (2008-2009)

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>
FGCU	\$15.54/CREDIT
FIU	\$14.51/CREDIT + \$10 FLAT FEE
FAU	\$13.75/CREDIT
UWF	\$13.65/CREDIT
UNF	\$13.00/CREDIT
UCF	\$12.10/CREDIT
USF	\$11.50/CREDIT + \$10 FLAT FEE
FAMU	\$10.07/CREDIT
FSU	\$6.47/CREDIT
NC	\$2.53/CREDIT
UF	\$1.90/CREDIT