



Item: AFSP: A-9

AUDIT AND FINANCE/STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE TRANSPORTATION ACCESS FEE,
THE DECAL FEE, AND THE FINE STRUCTURE.**

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend approval of increases in the Transportation Access Fee, the Decal Fee, and the Fine Structure to the Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This information was reviewed at the June 6, 2007 Audit and Finance Committee meeting: A Transportation Access Fee Committee was formed to review the fee to students. The Committee was comprised of students, faculty and staff to review the parking program and to make recommendations for an increase to the TAF. Meetings also took place with the Faculty Senate to review the parking program. The Traffic & Parking Department operates as an auxiliary enterprise and must maintain a 1.2 debt service coverage ratio to comply with its current bond obligation. The Florida Atlantic University parking system is supported by revenues from the student transportation access fee, faculty/staff parking decal sales, Life Long Learners parking permit sales, citation fines, meters and event parking fees. The proposed increases are necessary to meet the increased demand for parking, review mass transits and master plan issues and to maintain the 1.2 debt service coverage ratio.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Fall Semester 2007.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The increased rates will be used to support the following:

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Revenue*	\$560,000	\$571,000	\$583,000
Expenses			
Davie Garage**	\$ 0	\$520,000	\$520,000
Surface Parking	\$560,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Residence Parking Boca Campus			
Boca Campus West/North			
Shuttle/ Mass Transit			
Jupiter			

* 2% growth per year

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Supporting Documentation: Proposed Rate Increases and Power Point Presentation

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FAU PARKING SERVICES

Request and Justification for Fee Increases



Goals of Parking Services

- Provide comprehensive programs – transportation, parking and pedestrian amenities, bike racks, code blue phones
- Provide value and quality services
- Provide efficient and effective operations
- Provide comprehensive and strategic planning for the future Campus Master Plan Integration

Parking services must operate as a stand-alone auxiliary

Defined by Section 1006.66, F.S.

- Operating Revenues
- Operating Expenses
- Debt Service
- Capital Improvements

Operating Revenues

- FAU fees are among the lowest in the system.
- Faculty and staff fees have increased \$0.00 since 2003.
- Student Transportation Access Fee has increased \$3.00 since 2003.
- Operating revenues have increased only 7 percent since 2003.

Operating Expenses

- Operating expenses have increased over 21 percent since 2003, primarily due to significant increases in
 - Electricity
 - Gasoline
 - Salaries, benefits and overtime for events
 - Repairs & maintenance

Capital Costs

- Capital costs have escalated due to increases in concrete, steel, and asphalt and petroleum based products.
- Construction costs for new parking garages have increased from \$8,900 per space in 2002 to \$15,000 per space today.
- Cost to install surface parking has increased from \$1,100 per space in 2003 to \$2,700 per space today.

Proposed Fee Increases

FAU fees remain low and competitive even with proposed increase.

- **Faculty & Staff**
 - a. From \$105 to \$126 Faculty, AMP, SP Pay Grade 21/Above
 - b. From \$ 77 to \$ 92 SP Pay Grade 16-20
 - c. From \$ 55 to \$ 55 SP Pay Grade 15/below
 - d. From \$375 to \$600 Reserved
- **Students**
 - Transportation Access Fee
 - From \$50 to \$60 per semester for Fall/Spring
 - From \$15 to \$25 per semester for Summer
- **Fines** – Increases to recover enforcement costs

Total annual revenue generated: \$560,000

Transportation Access Fee/Decal Fee 2006/07

<i>University</i>	FAU	UF	UCF	FIU	USF	FGCU	FSU	UNF	FAMU	UWF
Transportation Access Fee										
Flat fee (Fall)	\$50.00			\$65.27					\$50.00	None
Flat fee (Spring)	\$50.00			\$65.27					\$50.00	
Flat fee (Summer)	<u>\$15.00</u>			<u>\$58.85</u>					<u>\$15.00</u>	
Total Annual Fee	\$115.00			\$189.39				\$146.00	\$115.00	
Per credit hour fee	N/A	\$4.81	\$5.84	N/A	\$2.25	\$7.00	\$6.00	N/A	N/A	\$1.80
Decal Fee		\$42.00			\$87.00					
Annual Cost Per Student for Fall/Spring/Summer including decal fee	\$115.00	\$186.30	\$175.20	\$189.39	\$154.50	\$210.00	\$180.00	\$146.00	\$115.00	\$54.00

SUS Local Fees

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

Local Fees - Per Credit Hour

12 Hour Equivalent

Proposed 2007-2008 Local Fees

	UF	FSU	FAMU	USF	FAU	UWF	UCF	FIU	UNF	FGCU	NCF	Avg
Main Campus Local Fees - per credit hour *												
Activity & Service	\$9.27	\$8.55	\$10.50	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$9.98	\$9.73	\$10.52	\$12.07	\$11.24	\$15.86	\$10.61
Athletic	\$1.90	\$5.98	\$8.90	\$11.35	\$11.75	\$12.82	\$11.88	\$11.05	\$10.68	\$12.54	\$2.42	\$9.21
CAA Athletic Divisions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Health	\$9.27	\$7.55	\$4.92	\$7.91	\$6.33	\$3.64	\$8.15	\$5.60	\$5.62	\$6.63	\$4.37	\$6.36
Access/Trans **	\$9.82	\$6.50	\$4.79	\$5.25	\$5.00	\$1.80	\$7.09	\$5.98	\$7.56	\$7.50	\$3.33	\$5.88
Marshall Center Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.67
Subtotal	\$30.26	\$28.58	\$29.11	\$39.18	\$35.08	\$28.24	\$36.85	\$35.16	\$37.93	\$39.91	\$25.98	\$33.30
Rank	7	9	8	2	6	10	4	5	3	1	11	

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Health	\$8.78	\$7.55	\$4.92	\$7.27	\$5.00	\$3.64	\$7.95	\$5.60	\$5.62	\$6.03	\$4.16	\$6.05
Access/Trans **	\$9.14	\$6.00	\$4.17	\$4.92	\$4.17	\$1.80	\$5.84	\$5.44	\$4.87	\$7.00	\$3.33	\$5.15
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Subtotal	\$29.06	\$28.08	\$28.48	\$37.51	\$32.92	\$28.24	\$34.25	\$34.05	\$34.47	\$36.51	\$24.89	\$31.68
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* Most fees are assessed on a per credit hour bases. Some fees are assessed in blocks. For comparison, block fees are adjusted to a 12 hour course load. For example, a \$60 block fee would translate to a \$5.00 per credit hour fee.

** Universities with a TAF and a decal fee are UF, USF and UNF. The decal fee is adjusted to 12 hours and added to the TAF.

SUS Faculty – Staff Parking Decal Rates

<i>University</i>	FAU	UF	UCF	FIU	USF	FGCU	FSU	UNF	FAMU	UWF
Reserved/Executive/ Faculty/Staff Parking										
Official Gated Annual		\$792.00							\$267.00	
Reserved/Executive	\$375.00	\$714.00	\$714.00	\$789.66	\$744.00	\$450.00	\$580.00	\$378.00	\$399.00	\$84.00
Designated								\$252.00		
Ranges of Faculty & Staff Decal Prices by University										
Lowest Pay Grades	\$55.00	\$114.00	\$118.00	\$107.00	\$186.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$73.00	\$133.00	\$44.00
Highest Pay Grades	\$107.00	\$222.00	\$450.00	\$204.37	\$342.00			\$269.00		

Proposed Fine Increases

Violation	Fines
Improperly Affixed Decal Decal improperly displayed	\$15- \$25
Failure to display a valid decal	\$15
Parking in an inappropriate color coded lot out of assigned area	\$15- \$25
Parking in reserved space	\$25- \$35
Parking in service vehicle space	\$25- \$35
Overtime Meter	\$15- \$25
Hazardous Parking	\$25
Parking in disabled access aisle	\$250
Parking in disabled accessible space without valid parking placard	\$250
Failure to display valid disabled parking placard registered to vehicle user	\$15
Defaced decal/hangtag/stolen decal	\$250 \$100
Replacement Decal	\$15
Administrative fees (refund)	\$10
Administrative collection fees (release)	\$25
Inappropriate parking of motorcycle or bicycle	\$15
All other violations (except otherwise noted in this rule regulation)	\$15- \$25
Late Fees	\$15- \$25
Overnight parking in the Garage	\$15- \$25
Tow fee	\$35- \$50
Boot Fee	\$25- \$40
Parking over lines or doubled parked	\$25
Parking on grass/sidewalk/crosswalk	\$25
Parking in wrong direction	\$25
Parking in fire lane	\$50

Sources and Uses of Funds

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
<u>Revenue*</u>	\$560,000	\$571,000	\$583,000
<u>Expenses</u>			
Davie Garage**	\$0	\$520,000	\$520,000
Parking Improvements including: Lots for Residence Students (Boca) Boca Campus West/North Jupiter Campus Improvements	\$536,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,000
Mass Transit/Shuttle	\$ 24,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 30,000

*2 percent growth per year

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How Will Funds Be Used?

- Broward Community College Central Campus Joint Parking Garage
- Surface parking for resident students on the Boca Raton Campus
- Surface parking for faculty, staff, and students on the Boca Raton Campus
- Surface parking for faculty, staff, and students on the Jupiter Campus
- Mass Transit/Shuttle

Examples of Event Parking Fees

- Dolphin Stadium - \$20 per game
- Broward Center - \$7 per event
- Bank Atlantic Center - \$10 per event
- City of Ft. Lauderdale Parking Garage - \$7 per event
- Parking for a Broadway Play in NYC - \$34 (Towing Fee Additional)

Parking

- Proactive planning is essential in order to avoid the types of parking problems experienced at other universities.



The search for convenient parking continues.

THANK YOU

