



Item: AF: A-1c

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2011-12 FEES: STUDENT HEALTH.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Review and provide approval of the proposed Student Health Fees.

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 45 cents per credit hour. The fee increase will allow the University to address major staffing issues in the Counseling and Psychological Services Center and permit the Health and Wellness Centers to continue to enhance the delivery of quality health and wellness services on all campuses in accordance with recommendations presented in consultants' reports of the American College Health Association Consultant's Report and the International Association of Counseling Services Report.

This fee was reviewed and approved by the BOT Audit and Finance Committee on April 20, 2011.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Fall 2011.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fee increase will generate approximately \$575,982 for the fall and spring semesters; \$682,043 annually.

Supporting Documentation: None.

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A Student Health Fee increase would enhance funding needs for the following:

- Hire 3-5 Ph.D. Psychologists over the next five years to address the growing demand for psychological services in the Counseling Centers across all campuses.
- Bring current Psychologists' salaries up to competitive/market value.
- Increase the number of hours the Psychiatrist is available to students and our Health and Wellness staff.
- Renovate the Boca Counseling Center.
- Add contracted mental health services for the Treasure Coast campus.
- Achieve National Accreditation for counseling services from the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS).
- Achieve National Accreditation for Student Health Services from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).