



Item: VI. A.

Thursday, May 24, 2012

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2012-13: ACTIVITY AND SERVICE FEE.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Provide approval of the proposed increase to the Activity and Service fee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under section 1009.24(10)(s), 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 \$.36 per credit hour. The primary purpose of the fee is to provide adequate funding to maintain quality programs and facilities for FAU students. The current Activity and Service Fee is \$11.96 and has not been increased since 2010.

Over the past four years, the University has witnessed not only a significant increase in the usage of campus life facilities, but an increase in programs and request for funds to expand current and new programs. The proposed fee will be used to provide additional funding for programs across the campuses.

This item was reviewed and approved by majority, but not unanimous, vote during the BOT Audit and Finance Committee on April 19, 2012.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

July 1, 2012.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fee increase will generate approximately \$242,139.

Supporting Documentation: Activity and Service Fee Explanation sheet.

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An Activity and Service Fee is used to maintain and enhance funding needs for the following:

- Continue to increase operating funds to the University Student Unions with the goal of reaching the SUS average for Student Unions (33% of the A&S fee allocation).
- Build sufficient reserves for all A&S operated facilities (Boca Student Union, Davie Student Union, Jupiter Burrow, Davie Wellness Center and Boca Recreation & Fitness Center) to cover unforeseen emergencies.
- Provide adequate funding for programs, clubs and organizations which have tripled in recent years. Sufficient funding is vital to creating a vibrant student life program outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- Provide funding to address major technology and equipment needs for Owl Radio, Owl Television, and the University Press.