



January 26, 2009

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** District Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** William D. Law, Jr., President  
**SUBJECT:** Course Fees

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During the April 21, 2008 meeting, the Board approved an annual tuition increase of \$3.00 per credit hour for the fiscal years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 pending Board review and confirmation each fiscal year. Of the \$3.00 increase, \$2.75 was designated for tuition and \$.25 for student activity and services fees.

This agenda item is to seek your approval to increase tuition and fees per the plan adopted last Spring. The \$2.75 increase in tuition represents a 4.8% increase.

Please note that the increase does maintain the commitment of the college to need-based financial aid (\$.50 per credit hour) that was established in the 2007-08 tuition and fees plan.

At our November Board meeting, we made an initial review of the 2009-10 budget, detailing the need for the tuition increase. As we reviewed the increasing demands on the college's budget, we noted that the level of access and service provided to the instructional programs through the Learning Commons and greatly enhanced technology support now impel us to plan evermore carefully for the protection and development of those services.

Toward that end, and in light of the greatly changed delivery methodology of many courses, I would like to propose that the college enact a comprehensive Technology Fee of \$1.50 per credit hour, effective with the 2009-10 academic year.

As authorized section 1009.23, Florida statutes, "each community college board of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for technology, which may not exceed \$1.80 per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident students and not more than \$5.40 per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident students, to be expended according to technology improvement plans."

At the same time we enact this fee, I recommend that course-based fees be eliminated for the following courses. The rationale for the establishment and maintenance of these fees does not reflect the changes in our technology uses or in our instructional delivery. The eliminated course fees, and the associated dollars, would be as follows:

Course	Students per Year	Fee	Revenue
MAT0002	906	\$11.00	\$ 9,966
MAT0024C	2,182	\$11.00	\$ 24,002
MAT1033	3,492	\$11.00	\$ 38,412
MAC1105	3,154	\$11.00	\$ 34,694
MGF1106	1,821	\$11.00	\$ 20,031
MGF1107	1,327	\$11.00	\$ 14,597
STA2023	1,570	\$11.00	\$ 17,270
ENC1101	4,261	\$11.00	\$ 46,871
ENC1102	3,127	\$11.00	\$ 34,397
ENC1140	575	\$11.00	\$ 6,325
MMC1100	111	\$11.00	\$ 1,221

Elimination of these fees would result in a reduction of revenue of approximately \$247,786.

The recommended student tuition for 2009-2010 is:

<b>Florida resident</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Tuition	\$57.55	\$ 60.30
Financial aid fee	2.10	2.10
Capital improvement fee	5.00	5.00
Student activity/service fee	4.85	5.10
Technology fee		1.50
	<u>\$69.50</u>	<u>\$ 74.00</u>
<b>Non Florida resident</b>		
Tuition	\$230.20	\$241.20
Financial aid fee	8.40	8.40
Capital improvement fee	7.30	7.30
Student activity/service fee	4.85	4.85
Technology fee		6.00
	<u>\$250.75</u>	<u>\$267.75</u>

STAFF RESOURCE: Teresa Smith

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the 2009-2010 student tuition rates, with the new technology fee.