



June 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Tuition Increase

Item Description:

The staff is proposing a tuition increase of \$1.75 per credit hour to be effective for the spring 2010 semester.

Overview:

At the April meeting, the Board confirmed a tuition increase of \$2.75 per credit hour effective for the fall 2009 semester. Even with this tuition increase, the College's tuition rate remains one of the lowest among the 28 Florida colleges.

Salient Facts:

The state has reduced the College's 2009-2010 appropriations by over 20% from the previous fiscal year. To assist in the funding our projected operation needs, the state has designated \$3,206,727 in time-limited allocations. These allocations (\$2,379,983-federal stimulus funds and \$828,644 non-recurring gaming funds) are temporary and will not be included in the state's appropriations totals after 2011. In an effort to grow the College's revenues and offset the loss of these time-limited funds, the College must implement additional tuition increases over the next two fiscal years.

Past Actions:

The Board approved a \$2.75 tuition increase, effective for the fall semester.

Future Actions:

Future tuition increases will be presented during the next several semesters.

Funding/Financial Matters:

With the expectation of reduced appropriations over the next several fiscal years, multiple tuition increases must be implemented to sustain the College's operations and projected growth.

Staff Resource:
Teresa Smith

Recommended Action:
Authorize the College increase the tuition by \$1.75 per credit hour, effective for the spring semester.