Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
June 15, 2003

SUBJECT: Emergency Tuition and Fee Rules

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Adopt Emergency Rule 6C10ER04-1, Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees, and Emergency Rule 6C10ER04-3, Fall 2004 Special Fees, to implement the tuition and fee schedule prior to assessment and collection of fees

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The text and fee structure set forth in Emergency Rules 6C10ER04-1 and 6C10-ER04-3 are identical to permanent Rules 6C10-7.001 and 6C10-7.003 contained in Agenda Item 4a, respectively. In accordance with Section 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, emergency rules become effective immediately upon being filed with the Secretary of State. Adoption of these emergency rules will enable the University to implement the Fall 2004 tuition and fee schedule immediately and prior to the University’s assessment and collection of fees. Emergency rules remain effective for a period no longer than ninety (90) days.


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Legal Review by: N/A

Submitted by: Joe Shepard, Vice President for Administrative Services
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULES
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees

RULE TITLE(S): 
Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees
Fall 2004 Special Fees

RULE NUMBER(S): 
6C10ER04-1
6C10ER04-3

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC, HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: Sections 1001.74(11) and 1009.24. F.S., require the Board of Trustees to set university tuition and fees. Rule 6C10ER04-1, Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees, increases in-state undergraduate tuition by 7.5% and by 12.5% for in-state graduate student tuition as required by the 2004-2005 General Appropriation Act. For out-of-state undergraduate and out-of-state graduate students, the University is implementing a tuition increase of 15%, which includes an increase of 12.5% as required by law and a discretionary increase of 2.5% as authorized by law. In addition, the University is increasing the health fee to $47.50 per student. Rule 6C10ER04-3 sets forth the University’s special fee schedule and removes the requirement for payment of a $200.00 nonrefundable undergraduate admissions deposit. While time alone is not sufficient to justify an emergency, it is important to the fiscal welfare of the University and the State of Florida that the University implements the increased tuition and fees in the proper manner, pursuant to the 2004-2005 General Appropriations Act and the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, F.S. It is necessary, therefore, to adopt this rule by emergency rulemaking to comply with the University’s legal obligations.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The Board of Trustees will consider the proposed emergency rule at its June 15, 2004 meeting which begins at 8:30 AM in the Sprint Room (Room 104) in Whitaker Hall at FGCU, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565. This meeting has been publicly noticed and interested parties will be given an opportunity to comment upon the rules at the meeting in accordance with the Board’s Bylaws. The emergency rule is being noticed on or about June 12, 2004 in the Fort Myers News-Press, a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area, and the full text of the rule is published on the University’s website at www.fgcu.edu/rules and other appropriate locations on campus. In addition, the University has already begun amendment of its permanent tuition and fee rules, Rules 6C10-7.001 and 6C10-7.003, F.A.C. The Board will approve the amendments to the permanent rules at its June 15, 2004 meeting. The proposed text and fee structure of the permanent and emergency rules are identical. The Notice of Rule Development and the Notice of Rulemaking related to the permanent rules were published in the Fort Myers News-Press on April 16, 2004 and on or about June 12, 2004, respectively.
SUMMARY OF THE RULE: Rule 6C10ER04-1, Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees, prescribes the University’s tuition and fee schedule for the Fall 2004 semester to include a tuition increase of 7.5% for in state undergraduates and 12.5% as authorized by law for in-state graduate students as required by law. For out of state undergraduate and out-of-state graduate students, the University is implementing a tuition increase of 15%, which includes an increase of 12.5% as required by law and a discretionary increase of 2.5% as authorized by law. Rule 6C10ER04-3, Fall 2004 Special Fees, sets forth the University’s special fee schedule and removes the requirement for payment of a $200.00 nonrefundable undergraduate admissions deposit.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 120.54, 1001.74(4), FS

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:
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THIS RULE WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULES IS:

RULE TITLE(S):    RULE NUMBER(S):

Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees   6C10ER04-1
Fall 2004 Special Fees   6C10ER04-3

6C10ER04-1. Fall 2004 Tuition and Fees.

(1) General. Tuition and fees assessed by the University shall be in accordance with the
General Appropriations Act and the rules and policies of the Board of Governors.

(2) (a) The University shall assess the following tuition and fees per credit hour for each
regularly enrolled student, depending on whether a student is a resident or non-resident
of the State of Florida, unless provided otherwise by law or in this rule:

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<th>Tuition/Fee</th>
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Total Per Credit Hour $101.85 $505.07 $219.54 $840.65
(b) Students will be assessed the following fee per term:

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(c) A student enrolled in the same undergraduate course more than twice shall be assessed an additional $169.12 per credit hour charge for each such course.

(3) Payments on Accounts Due the University. Charges against a student’s account for loss or breakage of University equipment, lost books, library or parking fines and other related charges are due immediately. University policy prohibits registration, or release of transcript and diploma for any student whose account with the University is delinquent.

(4) Registration occurs when a student:

(a) Selects one or more credit courses approved and scheduled by the University; and

(b) Pays tuition and fees, partial or otherwise, or makes other appropriate arrangements for tuition payment (deferment, or third party billing) for the courses in which the student is enrolled as of the end of the drop/add period. The University does not have a plan for installment payment of fees.

(5) Payment. Tuition and registration fees must be paid in full by the date designated in the University Student Schedule and Fee Statement as the "last date to pay fees" for each semester. Payments shall be made at the Cashier’s Office or by mail and received no later than that date. The President or designee will extend the deadline for fee
payment when payment by the student is delayed due to University action or inaction.

(6) Liability for payment of tuition is incurred at the point at which the student has completed registration. Students are liable for all fees associated with all courses in which they are registered at the end of the drop/add period.

(7) Cancellation of Registration. A student’s course schedule shall be canceled when tuition has not been paid in full or when arrangements for payment have not been made through the Office of Financial Aid or the Cashier's Office. By the published "last date to pay fees" students awaiting receipt of financial aid must pay any additional amount due before the end of the last day to pay fees to prevent cancellation of the course schedule. A student whose course schedule has been canceled cannot thereafter attend classes and will not obtain credit for courses. A student whose course schedule has been canceled will be mailed written notice of cancellation to his/her last known address on record and be given a deadline by which he/she may apply for reinstatement.

(8) Reinstatement. Students may seek reinstatement of their course schedule by following the procedures outlined in this subsection.

(a) Requests for reinstatement. A request for reinstatement must be presented in writing to the Registrar’s Office by the deadline given on the notice of cancellation mailed to the student. The request for reinstatement must include all documentation supporting the request. The Reinstatement Appeals Committee will evaluate the request based upon the criteria contained in this rule and notify the student in writing of its decision.

(b) Reinstatement Appeals Committee. A student whose course schedule has
been canceled for non-payment may apply for reinstatement of the course schedule to the Reinstatement Appeals Committee. The Committee shall consist of at least three staff members appointed annually by the President, and one student appointed by the Student Association. The Committee shall meet as required between the published last day to pay fees and six months after the end of the term for which the reinstatement is requested. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

(c) Criteria for Reinstatement. In evaluating a request for reinstatement, the Committee shall apply the following criteria:

1. Reinstatement shall be granted where it is demonstrated that the student's registration was canceled through University error.

2. Reinstatement shall be granted where the student submits documentation demonstrating that the student was prevented from making timely payment due to extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. Examples of "extenuating circumstances" include:
   a. A student was unavoidably out of town during the week prior to the last day to pay fees, or
   b. A student was ill and unable to make payment prior to the last day to pay fees.

3. If a student's reinstatement is approved by the Reinstatement Appeals Committee, they must be reinstated for all courses for which they were originally registered.
(d) Where reinstatement is granted, the student shall take the written decision of the Committee to the Cashier's office, pay the fees which are due and complete the registration process with the Registrar's Office.

(9) Late Registration Fee.

(a) A late registration fee of $100 shall be assessed by the University when registration is initiated after the close of the regular registration period.

(b) The late registration fee shall be waived when:

1. The late registration was caused by a University error, or
2. The student was unavoidably out of town on the last day to register (documentation must be provided), or
3. The student was ill (documentation must be provided), or
4. The course was closed and the student was required to wait until classes started (written documentation from the instructor is required), or
5. The student was informed after the published last day to register that a course is necessary in order to graduate, be re-certified, or is a work related requirement (appropriate documentation must be provided).

(10) Late Payment Fee. A late payment fee of $100 shall be assessed by the University when:

(a) A student pays his/her fees after the published "last day to pay fees", and has been approved for reinstatement pursuant to this rule; or

(b) A dishonored check is redeemed after the last date to pay fees.

(11) University Loan Program Service Charge. In lieu of interest, a $10 service charge will be assessed to any student participating in the University loan program regardless
of the amount of the loan. Students utilizing the university loan program must sign a
promissory note which obligates them to the total loan amount including the $10 service
charge for each loan issued.

(12) Fee Appeals. Students may appeal the assessment of fees and request refunds of
tuition and fees to the Fee Appeals Committee according to procedures set forth in this
subsection.

(a) Procedures. A student who seeks review of a fee assessed shall file a written
appeal with the Registrar's Office. The appeal must set forth the basis for seeking
a refund and attach all supporting documentation. An appeal must be filed no
later than six months following the last day of the term during which the fees
were incurred. For the purpose of this rule, summer terms are considered as one
term.

(b) Fee Appeals Committee. The Fee Appeals Committee shall consist of at least
three staff members who are appointed annually by the President, and one
student appointed by the Student Association. The Committee shall meet as
often as necessary to review and act upon appeals which come before it.

(c) Committee Determinations. Each appeal will be initially reviewed by the
Registrar or designee. A decision will be made by the Registrar's Office
according to criteria established by this rule. The decision shall be communicated
in writing to the student within 60 days from the date the appeal was filed with the
University. The Fee Appeals Committee shall consider only cases of those
students who are appealing the initial decision made by the Registrar's Office.
Students may appear in person before the Committee to present their appeal.
The decision of the Committee is final.

(d) Criteria for Determining Fee Appeals. The criteria established by this rule shall govern decisions by the Registrar and the Fee Appeals Committee:

1. A fee appeal shall be granted when it is demonstrated that fees were paid as a result of University error.

2. A fee appeal shall be granted when it is demonstrated that the student was prevented from timely withdrawal from the University due to extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. Extenuating circumstances include death of the student, or death in the immediate family (parent, spouse, child, sibling) of the student; illness of the student that is of long duration or severity, as confirmed in writing by a physician; or involuntary call to military duty.

(13) Refunds. Refunds will be processed and mailed to the address shown on the Registrar's files to all students whose fee accounts show an overpayment after the published last day to pay fees. Students due a refund will not be required to submit a refund request to receive their refund because it will be automatically calculated. If there is a balance due to the University in the accounts receivable system, that amount will be deducted from any refund due. In addition, students shall be entitled to refunds in the following circumstances:

(a) 100% of tuition and course related fees will be refunded if notice of complete withdrawal or course withdrawal from the University occurs prior to the end of drop/add period.

(b) 25% of tuition and course related fees will be refunded if notice of withdrawal
from ALL courses from the University occurs prior to the end of the fourth week of classes.

(c) Students who receive financial aid and subsequently change their enrollment status and this action results in a refund, may have all or a portion of their refund returned to the University's Financial Aid Office in accordance with the terms of their financial aid agreement.

(d) 100% of tuition and course related fees if a student withdraws or drops a course due to circumstances which are exceptional and beyond the control of the student. Requests for fee adjustments must meet one of the conditions below to be considered:

1. Death of the student or immediate family member (parent, spouse, child or sibling) as confirmed by documentation indicating the student's relationship to the deceased. Death certificate required.
2. Illness of student of such severity or duration to preclude completion of course(s). Written confirmation by a physician required.
3. A situation in which the University is in error as confirmed in writing by the appropriate Vice President.

(14) Deferred Payment Status. Deferred payment status for tuition and registration fees will be granted upon application by the student on the following grounds:

(a) Veterans shall be entitled to deferment in accordance with the provisions of Section 1009.27, F.S.

1. Each student granted a veteran's deferment shall sign a promissory note for the amount of registration and tuition fees due. The promissory note must be presented to the University Cashier's Office before the published...
last day to pay fees. Failure to present the promissory note by the
deadline will result in the student being assessed the $100 late payment
fee. If the student does not present an authorized deferment to the
Cashier, including the $100 late fee, by the close of the fourth week of
classes, the student’s registration shall be canceled. The student may
request reinstatement by presenting an authorized VA deferment
promissory note along with a $100 late registration/late payment fee in lieu
of full payment of tuition and registration fees. (See the procedure outlined
in Reinstatement.)

2. If an eligible student’s educational benefits are delayed beyond the
deferral period, (end of term for which they are enrolled) the deferment will
be extended upon request by the student with written verification from the
granting entity that the student is eligible to receive benefits and that
benefits are being processed for payment. Upon receipt of written
verification, the Registrar’s Office shall approve the deferment and any
request for extension. Additional extensions may be similarly granted until
such time that the student begins receiving educational benefits. Failure of
the veteran to pay the amount of the authorized deferment by the due date
or extended date, whichever is later, will result in the student being
assessed the $100 late registration/late payment fee.

(b) Third Party Billings. Deferment is permitted when formal contractual
arrangements have been made with the University for payments by an approved
third party. The University Controller or designee is responsible for negotiating
such third party contracts.

(c) Delay in Financial Aid Delivery. Deferral of tuition and fees is permitted for those students receiving financial aid from federal, state, or University assistance programs when delivery of the aid is delayed through circumstances beyond the control of the student. Failure to make timely application for such aid shall be insufficient reason to receive such deferral. The Director of Financial Aid shall certify a student's eligibility for deferral to the University Controller or designee for each student for each academic term for which receipt of aid is delayed.

(d) Extraordinary circumstances exist and the deferment has the approval of the President or his designee.

Specific Authority 1001.74(4) FS.

6C10ER04-3. Fall 2004 Special Fees.

(1) The fees listed in this section will be assessed by the University.

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<td>(b) Orientation Fee</td>
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<td>(c) Security, Access or Identification Cards</td>
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<td>Annual Fee for Card</td>
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<td>(d) Fee for Transcripts</td>
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<td>(e) Fee for Diploma Replacement</td>
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<td>(f) Registration Fee for a Zero-Hours Course</td>
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<td>Course-related Fee for Materials and Supplies consumed during instructional activities</td>
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(2) The term "cost" as used in this provision includes those increased costs to the University that are reasonable, specific, identifiable and directly related to the goods or services.

Specific Authority 1001.74(4), (11) FS.  
Law Implemented 1001.74(11), 1009.24(12), FS.