Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Regulation: Delinquent Accounts Receivable

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve and adopt the new proposed University regulation creating the authority, consistent with Florida Statutes, for the write-off of delinquent accounts. This regulation is being adopted in accordance with the Regulation Development Procedure for State University Boards of Trustees established by the Board of Governors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1010.03 Delinquent Accounts, Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees has the authority to adopt rules to implement the provisions for collection of all delinquent unpaid accounts receivable and write-off or settle such accounts as may prove uncollectible. The University is in compliance with collection of accounts receivable and due diligence. This regulation establishes the authority for the University to approve and write-off delinquent accounts through the use of lawful procedures.

Supporting Documentation Included: Copy of the Notice of New Regulation – Delinquent Accounts Receivable.

Prepared by: Assistant Vice President/Controller Linda Bacheler

Legal Review by: General Counsel Vee Leonard (September 4, 2007)

Submitted by: Vice President Administrative Services and Finance Joe Shepard
NOTICE OF NEW REGULATION

August 17, 2007

REGULATION TITLE:
Delinquent Accounts Receivable

REGULATION NO.:
FGCU-PR7.002

SUMMARY:
This new regulation is being proposed in order to update the University’s regulations and provide authority for the write-off of delinquent accounts. While we are already in compliance with collection and due diligence, we need to establish a University regulation which is in accordance with current University practice and procedure.

FULL TEXT:
The full text of the regulation being proposed is attached and can also be found at http://www.fgcu.edu/generalcounsel/promulgation.asp

AUTHORITY:
Board of Governors Resolution dated January 7, 2003 and Florida Statutes 1010.03.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REVISED REGULATION:
Linda Bacheler, Controller and Assistant Vice-President, Administrative Services and Finance

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL APPOVING THE PROPOSED REGULATION:
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ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007, BY 5:00 P.M. THE COMMENTS MUST IDENTIFY THE REGULATION ON WHICH YOU ARE COMMENTING.

FGCU-PR7.002 Delinquent Accounts Receivable

The University shall enforce the collection of all delinquent unpaid and uncancelled accounts receivable through the use of lawful procedures.

(1) Collection effort may include the employment of the services of a collection agency.
   a. No collection agency shall be paid a commission in excess of 35 percent of the amount collected.
   b. Any expense incurred by the University enforcing the collection of a debt may be added to the principal of such debt.

(2) Students with delinquent accounts greater than $5.00 shall not be permitted to register and shall have a "hold" placed on their records restricting the release of transcripts, awarding of diplomas and access to other resources and services of the University. This hold shall continue in force until the student debt is paid, settled, or discharged through federal court bankruptcy proceedings.

(3) The following delinquent unpaid accounts receivable may be charged off as uncollectable:
   a. The University Controller is authorized to charge off accounts with past due balances of $99 or less when accounts become at least six (6) months old and the cost of further collection effort or assignment to a collection agency would not be warranted.
   b. The Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance is authorized to charge off past due balances of $100 or more when accounts are at least 2 years delinquent and after all reasonable and lawful collection attempts have failed.

Action by Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees:
Approved: September 18, 2007

Effective Date of Regulation:
Approved: September 18, 2007

History of Regulation:
New