Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
September 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Annual Report on In-State Tuition Waivers

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PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Information Only

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As required by the policy on Student In-State Tuition Waivers adopted by the FGCU Board of Trustees in January 2005, units making awards are to submit a report to the Office of Enrollment Management. With the restructuring of the Enrollment Management office the report is now forwarded to the Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance. The purpose of the report is to verify compliance with all requirements and is to be shared with the FGCU Board of Trustees at its first meeting after August 1 of each year.

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Supporting Documentation Included: (1) Policy on Student In-State Tuition Waivers, and (2) Annual Report on In-State Tuition Waivers

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Legal Review by: N/A

Submitted by: Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance Joe Shepard
POLICY ON STUDENT IN-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

Purpose: Florida Gulf Coast University uses University Board of Trustee authority for the purpose of waiving the in-state portion of tuition for certain types of students to enhance campus diversity and academic quality in an ever-increasing competitive student market.

Policy: Waivers are awarded based on the University’s established key selection criteria of recruitment, retention, diversity and service to students who meet certain initial requirements.

Application: The Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) is the central receiving and processing location for all undergraduate and graduate student waiver applications. In-state undergraduate tuition (matriculation) waivers will be created to target recruitment opportunities to attract a diverse and strong student population. A waiver committee will be formed to determine and recommend to the University President or designee the purpose, scope and criteria of each waiver category. The waiver committee will consist of the Director of Admissions as chair and will be composed of two individuals as selected by the University President or designee and two students selected by the Student Government President and confirmed by the University President or designee. One of the President’s designees to the waiver committee shall be a member of the faculty. The committee will meet at least annually to evaluate the purpose, scope, criteria and effectiveness of each waiver category. These waivers may be awarded or renewed each year to selective undergraduate students meeting the below criteria.

Procedure: Parameters for award and renewal eligibility for undergraduate in-state waiver authority shall be as follows:

Undergraduate Student Waivers
Initial eligibility requirements:
√ Approval for admission to Florida Gulf Coast University as a degree-seeking student who has demonstrated a balanced academic portfolio. Such a balance is determined by:

1) Active community service, or
2) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0, or
3) a 1050 on the SAT, or a 22 on the ACT, or
4) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.

Renewal requirements:
Waiver awards are guaranteed for one year only and are contingent upon continued budget authorization. To renew, undergraduate students must continue to meet the established eligibility criteria as established by the waiver committee. Waivers renewal criteria shall be based on:

1) Active community service, or
2) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0, or
3) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.

ANNUAL REPORT: Each unit making awards is responsible for submitting an annual report to the Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) verifying compliance with all requirements by August 1 of each year. The annual report shall be shared with the University Board of Trustees at the Board of Trustees’ first meeting after August 1 of each year. OEM will ensure that all awards are disbursed to the students and to ensure compliance with federal, state and institution regulations and will forward all reports to the President or designee.
Memorandum

To: Dr. Joseph Shepard

CC: In-State Waiver Committee

From: R. Marc Laviolette

Date: 9/7/2010

Re: In-State Tuition Waivers – Annual Report

Renewals: For the fall of 2010, 65 students had their instate waivers renewed. Another 12 students graduated during the past academic year.

New Awards: 25 students were awarded the waiver for this academic year. Over 200 applications were received.

Award Categories: Award categories for both the renewed students and new students are as follows:

- Critical Needs: 12
- Diversity: 25
- Leadership: 16
- Outreach programs: 14
- Civic Engagement: 19
- International: 4

Total: 90

If all 90 recipients used 100% of their award for both fall and spring, the total budgetary impact would be $234,295.00.