

ITEM: 8

**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
September 21, 2010**

**SUBJECT: Tuition Waivers: FGCU TW-003 In-State Tuition Waivers –
Valedictorians and Salutatorians in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and
Glades Counties**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Rescind the University Board Action of September 14, 2004, granting in-state waivers for Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As an incentive to attract top academic students to FGCU, this Board action has not been as successful as initially anticipated. Providing in-state tuition alone is not competitive with what is being offered to top scholars by other institutions. The implementation of a President's Gold scholarship last year has yielded much better results in attracting these students to FGCU. In addition, school districts are moving away from the terms Valedictorian and Salutatorian and relying instead on district rankings which further erodes the meaning of this waiver.

Supporting Documentation Included: TW-003 In-state Tuition Waivers
Valedictorians and Salutatorians in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades
Counties

Legal Review: General Counsel Vee Leonard (August 16, 2010)

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**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
September 14, 2004**

SUBJECT: In State Tuition Waivers – Valedictorians and Salutatorians in
Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the President or designee to provide an in state tuition waiver to the valedictorian or salutatorian of any high school graduating class in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University requests that the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees authorize the President or designee to provide an in state tuition waiver to the valedictorian or salutatorian of any high school graduating class in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. This action would enhance the ability of Florida Gulf Coast University to retain the best and brightest students in southwest Florida.

Supporting Documentation Included: Excerpt from the 2004-2005 General Appropriations Act, HB 1835

Legal Review by: Ms. Wendy S. Morris, General Counsel

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SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

Each university board of trustees is authorized to waive tuition for purposes which support and enhance the mission of the university. All fee waivers must be based on policies which are adopted by university boards of trustees. Each university shall report the purpose, number and value of all fee waivers granted annually in a format which shall be prescribed and reviewed by the Florida Board of Governors.

2004-2005 General Appropriations Act, HB 1835