

ITEM: 9

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

SUBJECT: Tuition Waivers: FGCU TW-009 In-State Tuition Waivers

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the change to FGCU TW-009 In-State Tuition Waivers

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees' action on Student In-State Tuition Waivers has been in force since 2005. While it has been effective in helping to achieve the University's recruitment goals, it is time to make some modifications to achieve even better results. The commitment to enhancing recruitment initiatives for diversity, leadership, retention and service will continue and be reinforced by giving priority for these waivers to prospective students in recognized outreach programs. FGCU expends tremendous efforts towards several outreach programs and it is considered appropriate that we support these endeavors by focusing more of our in-state waivers towards these deserving students.

The revision also includes changes to the composition of the Tuition Waiver Committee and the office overseeing this program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Revision to Policy on Student In-State Waivers TW-009

Legal Review: General Counsel Vee Leonard (August 17, 2010)

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TW-009
Student In-State Tuition Waivers

Effective
Date of
Waiver:
09/21/10

A. 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.

B. POLICY

Waivers are awarded based on the University's established key selection criteria of recruitment, retention, diversity and service, as well as to support University Grant, Sponsored, and Recognized student outreach programs.

C. APPLICATION

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is the central receiving and processing location for all undergraduate In-State tuition waiver applications. In-State undergraduate tuition (matriculation) waivers will be created to target recruitment opportunities to attract a diverse and strong student population. An In-State Tuition Waiver Committee will be formed to designate which outreach programs will be supported through this waiver and to review all applicants. Students that do not belong to one of the designated outreach programs may still be considered for this waiver provided they satisfy the selection criteria. The In-State Tuition Waiver Committee will consist of the Director of Admissions as chair and will be composed of one Faculty member as selected by the University President or designee and one student selected by the Student Government President and, as confirmed by the University President or designee, the Director of Community Outreach, the Director of Student Support Services (or designee) and the Coordinator for Recruitment and Admissions Scholarships. In addition to meeting as required to review applicants, the Committee will meet at least annually to evaluate the purpose, scope, criteria and effectiveness of the undergraduate In-State Tuition Waivers.

D. PROCEDURE

Waiver awards are initially guaranteed for two semesters (normally fall and spring) and are contingent upon continued budget *authorization*. Parameters for award and renewal eligibility for undergraduate In-State waiver authority shall be as follows:

1. Undergraduate Student Waivers
 - a) Initial eligibility requirements:
 - 1) 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:
 - (a) active membership in an FGCU Grant, Sponsored or Recognized Outreach program;
 - (b) active community service;
 - (c) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0;
 - (d) a 1050 on the SAT, or a 22 on the ACT; or
 - (e) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.
 - b) Renewal requirements:
 - 1) Continue to meet the following renewal criteria:
 - (a) active membership in an FGCU Grant, Sponsored or Recognized Outreach program;
 - (b) active community service;
 - (c) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0; or
 - (d) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.

E. ANNUAL REPORT

The In-State Waiver Committee shall submit an annual report to the President's Cabinet by September 30 of each year.

Law Implemented:

§1001.74 Florida Statutes, Board of Governors Regulation 7.008

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