

**UNF Finance and Audit Committee**

June 26, 2007

**Issue**                      Schedule of Tuition and Fees

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**Proposed Action**        Approval

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**Background Information**

In response to the recent veto of an in-state undergraduate tuition increase and in keeping with the Board of Trustees' authority to (a) raise out-of-state and graduate tuition, (b) set differential tuition for certain graduate programs, and (c) establish a differential tuition rate for students from states contiguous to our service region, the University proposes the following tuition and related matriculation fees for 2007-2008:

1. no increase to in-state tuition for undergraduate students,
2. a five-percent increase in tuition for in-state graduate students,
3. no increase in out-of-state fees for either undergraduate or graduate students,
4. a five-percent increase in the differential tuition charged students enrolled in the nurse anesthetist program,
5. employing the same tuition for students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program as charged for students in the nurse anesthetist program, and
6. establishing a special surcharge above in-state tuition for graduate students from Georgia.

The rationale for each of decisions 2 through 6 are as follows:

- a. Currently, UNF's graduate tuition is below the mean for public comprehensive universities and there is a need for additional resources to support graduate education (decision 2)
- b. Undergraduate and graduate out-of-state tuition at Florida's comprehensive universities is above all other states, making it difficult to raise this form of tuition and remain competitive. The high rate of out-of-state tuition is at least a part of the reason that UNF's out-of-state enrollment is below the level identified in the University's ideal student profile. (decision 3)
- c. Admission into UNF's nurse anesthetist and physical therapy programs is highly competitive and the programs are both more costly than most other graduate programs. (decisions 4 and 5).

- d. There are graduate academic programs at UNF that have made a compelling case that they could recruit students from Georgia, if the University could offer competitive tuition. Increasing student enrollment in these programs would help strengthen these programs and the University's student profile. This past year the University enrolled 3 FTEs at the graduate level from Georgia. (decision 6).

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### **Supporting Documentation**

- Schedule of Tuition and Fees
- Proposal for Differentiated Tuition for One Set of Graduate Students