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USF St. Petersburg Multipurpose Campus Center

FACT SHEET

Senate Bill: SB894: Senator Dennis Jones, Sponsor

House Bill: HB547: Representative Darryl Rouson, Sponsor

Purpose

The proposed legislation would allow USF St. Petersburg (USFSP) to increase its student activity fees to support the construction and operation of a Multipurpose Campus Center. **NO state general revenue is being requested for this project.**

Impact on Student Fees

The USFSP student fee would rise to approximately \$27 per credit hour, still less than the similar fee at USF, UCF, UWF, UNF and FGCU.

Endorsements

- The students of USFSP through their Student Government Association (SGA) developed and initiated this fee increase proposal. SGA has approved the fee unanimously on three separate occasions since 2005.
- The USFSP Campus Board and the USF System Board of Trustees have endorsed moving forward with the project.

Outreach

Every Pinellas County legislative delegation member has heard from USFSP student representatives, and the delegation has had the request presented formally to them at meetings of the delegation.

Justification of Need

- USFSP is the ONLY university in the Florida State University System without a student center.
- The Multipurpose Campus Center will include a student housing component. USFSP's only residence hall has achieved full capacity after only three years and there is now a significant waiting list.
- The Multipurpose Campus Center will provide, for the first time, full food and dining operations which are essential for the growing residential population
- The Multipurpose Campus Center project will also fund the renovation of existing campus space to provide much needed student health services. Currently, USFSP students can only access university health services at USF Tampa and only by paying an additional fee.
- The Multipurpose Campus Center will serve as the hub for the variety of essential student services including career and counseling services, academic tutoring, student government, multicultural affairs, civic engagement and leadership, and student organizations.