

USF St. Petersburg Campus Board
October 2, 2009

Issue: Fee for Multipurpose Student Center

Proposed Action: Approval of the fee to construct a Multipurpose Student Center and to renovate the Campus Activities Center

Background Information:

A fee of \$13 per student credit hour is proposed to be used for the construction and operation of a new facility that will include space for student activities. The proposed fee will also fund the renovation of space in the existing Campus Activities Center. This new Multipurpose Student Center building will also include student residence facilities as well as housing for conference participants when housing for students is not being fully utilized e.g. during the summer and between semesters. The new and renovated spaces for this project include:

35,000 GSF	Student Center
47,500 GSF	Student Housing
<u>19,000 GSF</u>	CAC Renovation
101,500 GSF	Total

The construction/renovation project will be funded by tax exempt bonds purchased through the USF System Finance Corporation supported by CITF funds, housing revenues, and the \$13 fee, as follows:

\$ 4,048,000	CITF Funds
\$ 1,740,000	Accumulated fee revenue prior to the start of construction
<u>\$16,062,000</u>	Bonds serviced by the \$13 fee and other revenue
\$21,850,000	Total project cost [SEE NOTE 1]

This fee was approved by the USF St. Petersburg Student Government Association on September 15, 2009 (minutes attached) and by the Activity and Service Fee Committee on September 30, 2009 (minutes attached).

Project construction is planned to begin in late 2010 with occupancy in the fall of 2012.

Project costs, equity calculations, estimated operating expenses and a pro forma are included in the attached documentation.

The \$13 per credit hour fee is within the requirements of Florida Statute 1009.24(1)(d); "The sum of the activity and service, health and athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a course shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law or in the General Appropriations Act." However, legislative exception will be required for the portion of the statute that states "Within the 40 percent cap, universities may not increase the aggregate sum of activity and service, health, and athletic fees more than 5 percent per year unless specifically authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act."

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports: I, II, III, and IV

Supporting documentation: Exhibits 1-7
Multipurpose Student Center and CAC Renovation Construction Costs

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NOTE 1: Revised from \$21,980,000