

USF St. Petersburg
Campus Board of Trustees
October 20, 2003

Issue: Increase the current athletic fee charged to students

Proposed Action:

To increase (Fall 2004) the student per-credit hour athletic fee from the current \$2.00 to \$2.25

Background Information:

The Athletic Fee Committee met on October 15, 2003 to consider a request by the USF Athletic Director to raise the athletic fee paid by USFSP students. The Committee consisted of Chris Buckler, student, Sue Sietsma, student, Paul Schultz, student, Daniel Cole, student, Thomas Smith, faculty, Greg DeCosmos, faculty, Ron Bugg, staff, Nancy Coscia, staff, and AVP Charles Brown, *ex officio*. As noted, half of the committee members are students.

USF Athletic Director Lee Roy Selmon and Associate Athletic Director Barbara Sparks-McGlinchy appeared before the committee. They stressed the need for additional revenues to fund USF's burgeoning athletic programs, including the women's sailing team based at USFSP. Three scenarios were presented: raising the USFSP student per-credit hour fee from the current \$2.00 to \$2.25; from \$2.00 to \$2.50; and from \$2.00 to \$2.61. Athletic Director Selmon requested that we raise the fee to \$2.50. He recommended no change in the \$5.00 per semester athletic flat fee that students also pay.

Based on the presentation and our deliberations the committee recommends:

- The student per-credit hour fee be raised from \$2.00 to \$2.25. (6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention).
 - A portion of the total student per-credit hour athletic fee be returned to USFSP as is currently done with 50 percent of the flat fee. These monies would support USFSP's co-ed sailing team (recently ranked 16th in the nation), helping to offset the \$68,000 per year associated with the co-ed sailing team currently paid from the USFSP Activities and Services Fee budget. (6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention).
 - Student athletic fees not be increased again for a minimum of three years. (5 yeas, 2 nays, 1 abstention).
 - Future requests related to student athletic fees be lodged by September 1 of coming years to allow the Committee ample time to convene and consider the request. (8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions).
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Prepared by:

The Committee on Athletic Fees
USF St. Petersburg