USF Board of Trustees
October 10, 2005

Issue: Student Fee Increases

Proposed actions:

(a) Approve increase of A&S Fee by $0.19;
(b) Approve increase of Student Health Fee by $0.43;
(c) Approve increase of Athletic Fee by $0.66.

Background information:

The recommendation of the Committee on Student Fees is to raise student fees by the allowable five percent or $1.28 of the fee cap. The rationale for the fee increases is as follows:

(a) A&S Fee Increase will enable Student Government to allocate funds for student programs and services necessary to align student programs with those of the Top 50 Research Institutions and improve campus life.
(b) As a result of increased student traffic and anticipated increases due to mandatory health insurance, Student Health Services needs to enhance services and increase personnel and systems to accommodate these changes.
(c) Student Athletic Fee will help fund increased expenses due to the change in conference and increased facility rental and improvement costs.

The committee was in unanimous agreement of the proposed actions as can be seen in the supporting documentation.

Workgroup Review: Finance and Audit Workgroup
Supporting documentation: Minutes of the Committee on Student Fees deliberations and recommendation.

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Committee on Student Fees  
Minutes of First Meeting  
September 30, 2005

The Student Fee Committee, at least one-half of whom are students appointed by the student body president and the remainder of the committee appointed by the university president was called together to make recommendations on the Student Fees for 2006-2007 academic year. The fees under consideration are the A&S Fee, the Student Health Fee and the Athletic Fee. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by the committee chair, appointed jointly by the university president and the student body president.

The members introduced themselves and included:

Dr. Glen Besterfield, Asst. Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Chair  
Mr. Jason Spratt, Assoc. Dean of Students  
Ms. Sally Haynes, Career Center  
Dr. Elizabeth Kaplon, Executive Asst., Student Affairs  
Mr. Frank Harrison, President Student Senate  
Mr. Kyle Myers, Director Student Affairs, Executive Cabinet  
Mr. Amal Patel, Student Senate Budget Chair

All members were present.

Committee guests and presenters were also introduced:

Thomas Miller, AVP Student Affairs  
Egilda Terenzi, M.D., Student Health Services  
Rick Costello, Asst. AD, Department of Athletics

The committee was briefed on the guidelines relating to fee increases: (a) fees should be less than or equal to 40% of matriculation fees; (b) the maximum increase allowable for all fees is 5%. The committee was made aware of the reasons for the shortened process timeline (change in BOT annual calendar and new administrative team).

A presentation was given to the Committee by AVP Thomas Miller on the local fee analysis for student fees and the fee cap analysis.

A first motion was made, seconded and approved to discuss the three fees in one proposal of a maximum allowable increase of 5% or $1.28 fee increase.
After the approval of the first motion, the committee’s charge became the distribution of the 5% increase among the three fees (A&S, Student Health and Athletic). A question and answer discussion followed the presentation.

Mr. Myers had a question about the health insurance office space which Dr. Terenzi and Dr. Miller answered with the possibility of renting unused space within residence halls. Mr. Spratt asked about the salary and benefits of a director of Greek life which was answered by Dr. Besterfield and Dr. Miller. Mr. Patel asked about Greek Life programming and operating expenses. Mr. Myers and Mr. Harrison asked about programming needs within Student Government and student organizations. Mr. Harrison asked if the marching band was receiving any consideration of funding form the Athletics fee increase. Mr. Costello answered that plans were being discussed to help with band funding.

The chair called for motions.

A motion and second to raise the A&S Fee by $.19 was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion and second to raise the Student Health Fee by $.43 was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion and second to raise the Athletic Fee by $.66 was passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.