## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY REGULATION FSU-ER13-1, TUITION AND FEES AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION FSU-2.024, TUITION AND FEES:

The proposed regulations are identical in content; the only difference is that the emergency regulation would take effect immediately and expire in ninety days, as required for an emergency regulation. The emergency regulation was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 7, 2013. The permanent regulation, on the other hand, would take effect upon adoption by the Board of Trustees after the required notice procedure. This regulation change will be presented for final approval at the next meeting of the Board. The reflected increases in local fees (Activity and Service, Athletic, Health) were approved by the Board of Trustees on October 30, 2012. The Board of Trustees also approved a Student Green Fee of \$.50 per cred hour subject to approval by the Florida Board of Governors which was not approved by the Florida Board of Governors on June 20, 2013.

The emergency regulation and companion permanent regulation are adopted under procedures approved by the Florida Board of Governors.

Base tuition and fees tied to base tuition are increased by 1.7% by operation of law according to the Consumer Price Index as provided and required in Section 1009.24(4) (b), Florida Statutes where the General Appropriations Bill makes no other provision. College of Medicine tuition is increased by six percent. College of Law tuition is increased by five percent. (Financial aid fees and the technology fee are those fees tied to the base tuition.) The General Appropriations Act, Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, was both approved by the Governor and filed in the Secretary of State's Office on May 20, 2013 made no other provision for tuition as referenced above.

## SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE:

Because the normal Regulation adoption procedure will take longer than the time before which tuition and fee bills must be assessed and mailed, an emergency regulation, as specifically authorized by Board of Governors procedures, is required and in the best interest of the public to maintain the crucial funding of university operations for the 2013-2014 academic year. Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes specifically requires that "The sum of tuition and out-of-state fees assessed to nonresident students must be sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of serving such students." This has been the procedure followed by the Board since it obtained tuition and fee authority in 2003 and was long followed by the Florida Board of Regents in the past when it, not the individual universities, had sole tuition authority.

The emergency regulation, FSU-ER13-1, Tuition and Fees, is paired with an identical permanent regulation, an amendment to FSU-2.024 Tuition and Fees, to be adopted under the normal procedure.

## REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE

**CIRCUMSTANCES:** Adequate notice of the proposed action by the Board of Trustees was included in the published agenda of their June 7, 2013 meeting.

**AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY REGULATION:** The authority for the proposed regulation is as follows: Florida Board of Governors Regulations 7.001, 7.002; Florida BOG Regulation Development Procedure for State University Boards of Trustees; 2013 General Appropriations Bill, Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida and Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes.

**UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE REGULATION:** David Coburn, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration

## PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED

**UNIVERSITY REGULATION:** Any person may submit written comments concerning the proposed regulation within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

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