

**Florida State College at Jacksonville
District Board of Trustees**

AGENDA ITEM NO.

Subject:	Finance: Fees and Charges
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the District Board of Trustees approve the following Full Cost of Instruction Fee for students taking certain repeat course enrollments at Florida State College at Jacksonville per Florida Statute 1009.285 to be effective Fall Term 2023-24.

Course Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Bachelor's and Associate's College Credit Courses – Full Cost of Instruction Fee	\$240.00	\$266.00

BACKGROUND: Florida Statute 1009.285, fees for repeated enrollment in college-credit courses, provides that students enrolled in the same undergraduate college-credit course more than twice shall pay tuition at 100 percent of the full cost of instruction. The statute further indicates that calculation of the full cost of instruction shall be based upon the system wide average of the prior year's cost of undergraduate programs for Florida College System institutions. The fees being presented for the Full Cost of Instruction are taken from the 2023 Florida College System Fact book, which is the most recent system information that is available.

RATIONALE: FSCJ will stay in compliance with Florida Statute 1009.285.

FISCAL NOTES: These fees are minimal and have historically only had small variances from year to year.

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Subject:	Finance: FSCJ ACCESS Program
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the District Board of Trustees approve the FSCJ ACCESS Program for Fall Term 2023, pursuant to Board Rule 6Hx7-4.19.

BACKGROUND: Florida Statutes 1009.22(9) Workforce education postsecondary student fees and 1009.23(12) Florida College System institution student fees allow the assessment of user fees. State Board Rule 6A-14.054(6), Student Fees, provides that each board of trustees may establish user fees in addition to tuition fees for services that incur unusual costs (specialized software and equipment, equipment and software maintenance, tests, kits, materials, insurance and others). These fees shall not exceed the cost of the goods or services provided and shall only be charged to students or agencies receiving those goods or services.

Florida Statutes allow inclusive access programs when there is documented evidence that the options reduce the cost of textbooks and course materials for students. Students enrolling in courses under this program benefit from significantly reduced textbook costs, as publishers are willing to sell for less when more students purchase the course materials. In most cases, the FSCJ ACCESS program utilizes electronic textbooks and online software. In accordance with Florida Statute 1004.085, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability, the FSCJ ACCESS program will utilize an opt-out approach, where students are charged for their books along with their tuition in the participating courses unless the student opts-out of the program. The additional course fees would be exactly what the bookstore provider charges for the course materials. Students enrolled in FSCJ ACCESS classes for Spring Term 2023 had total savings of \$760,043.

RATIONALE: The bookstore is able to provide course materials at lower costs due to volume and contractual arrangements with publishers that allow for the lowest cost for course materials when an inclusive access program is employed. This will ensure access to required resource material on the first day of classes to everyone in the FSCJ ACCESS class and will provide course materials at lower costs. This will guarantee the lowest cost to students because the College is able to secure a below competitive market rate for the material by purchasing in bulk.

FISCAL NOTES: This will have no net fiscal impact on the College.