

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE

Special Fee Request Form

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Effective Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:

Add Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Modify Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Remove Fee \_\_\_\_\_ No Changes \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Type:

Testing (TST) \_\_\_\_\_ Lab (L) \_\_\_\_\_ Kits (K) \_\_\_\_\_ Facilities/Equipment Usage \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance (I) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Background Information:

Rationale for Fee (Include justification for College purchasing supplies on behalf of student, e.g. safety concerns, specialized equipment or software, bulk purchases that are cost efficient for the student, etc.):

Table with 3 columns: Course(s) Number and Title, From Amount, To Amount

Cost Basis for Fee: (attach documentation)

Annual Fiscal Impact: (include the following information only if course is new and there are no enrollment numbers available)

Table with 3 columns: Course, Classes per Yr., Students per Class

To be completed by Curriculum Services

For New Programs with New Courses Only:

Curriculum Committee Approval Date Approved Board Meeting Date Curriculum Item is To Be Presented

Approvals:

Responsible Dean Date Dean's Supervisor Date

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### **User Fee Request Form**

#### User Fee Request Form Instructions

##### Background Information

Provide a brief narrative on any historical events regarding this course or fee that is pertinent, including previous Board of Trustees actions.

##### Rationale

Explain the reason the new fee or fee change is necessary.

Per federal regulations, any books or supplies included in the cost of lab fees should be priced below competitive market rates or allow for the student to “opt out”. If a student “opts out,” they are required to purchase the required materials on their own. The one exception to this is if there is a health or safety concern. Since the College does not have provisions for students to “opt out” of lab fees, only those supply items that meet health or safety concerns should be included in the lab fees.

Include justification for the College purchasing supplies on behalf of student, e.g. safety concerns, specialized equipment or software, bulk purchases that are cost efficient for the student, etc. If fee rationale is to provide cost efficiency for the student, backup documentation should be included to support the cost benefits. All types of user fees should be determined based on cost per student.

##### Cost Basis for Fee

The user fee being requested should help the College to fully recover the unusual costs associated with the course.

The cost per student should be calculated by dividing the total annual cost associated with the course by the actual student enrollment figures for the three most recent completed terms. The final fee amount should not be rounded up and cents should not be included.

In the user fee request package, include a spreadsheet of the documentation that will be submitted. The spreadsheet needs to tie the specific costs associated with each course. If the backup documentation includes costs for other courses, the exact amount that applies to the course being reviewed must be indicated. Explain the process used to arrive at the fee amount. If the fee is for materials or a kit, list each item with the quantity used per student and the price for each along with backup documentation. If the fee is a lab fee or a testing fee, list the cost factors, price and quantity along with backup documentation. For student insurance coverage, please contact the College Risk Manager to determine a fee amount and supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation is required for audit. The backup documentation may include but is not limited to purchase orders, vouchers, p-card transactions, invoices, and vendor quotes. The backup documentation should represent no more than one year of unusual costs incurred. Therefore, specialized software, equipment and maintenance should be assessed on an amortized basis over the life of the equipment, software or agreement.

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Annual Fiscal Impact

The annual fiscal impact will be calculated by Finance. If the course is new and there are no enrollment numbers available, indicate the number of classes offered per year and the students per class.

Due Date

Complete this form at least 45 days before the District Board of Trustees meeting at which the fee request is to be presented. If the request involves a curriculum action, the form should be sent directly to Curriculum Services, who will, after their review, forward it to the Director of Accounting. If the request does not involve a curriculum action and is only a fee adjustment, the form should be sent directly to the Director of Accounting. After review by the Director of Accounting and the AVP Finance, an Administrative Procedure Act (APA) item will be prepared and submitted to the College President, College Attorney, and the President's Cabinet. If approved, the proposed fee action will be advertised 28 days prior to presentation at the Board Meeting, per Florida Statute. If approved at the District Board of Trustees meeting, the new fee will be added to the College operating system database.

New Program with New Course Information

This section will be completed by Curriculum Services. The purpose is to ensure that the fee item and the curriculum item are presented to the Board at the same meeting.