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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.  
President

**FROM:** Barbara Wills, Ph.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** Tuition and Fee Waiver – Out-of-State Fees for Intercollegiate Student Athletes

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**Item Description**

This item requests Board approval to create a waiver for out-of-state fees for students who are intercollegiate student athletes receiving an athletic scholarship.

**Overview and Background**

During their 2023 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 7026 which included revisions to postsecondary tuition and fee waivers.

One revision to F.S.1009.26 was the addition of section (21), which states – “A state university or Florida College System institution may waive the out-of-state fee for a student who is an intercollegiate athlete receiving an athletic scholarship”. The College currently uses the state authorized fee exemption from F.S. 1009.25 (2) for all student athlete tuition and fee costs.

**Funding/ Financial Implications**

The College usually has 50 - 60 student athletes each year that would be assessed the out-of-state fees as non-Florida residents. The fees not collected from this waiver are projected to be \$300,000 annually.

**Past Actions by the Board**

None taken on these items.

**Recommended Action**

Authorize the College to create and utilize a tuition and fee waiver for the out-of-state fees for intercollegiate student athletes.