



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

A Report of the FJC District Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustees Approve 1983/84 Budget

Florida Junior College at Jacksonville's Board of Trustees voted to adopt a proposed \$45 million 1983/84 Operating Budget at the Board's August 17, 1983 MEETING. Operating expenses include Personnel Services, Current Expenses, and Capital Outlay.

Of the \$3.2 million increase from State appropriations, \$1.3 million has been designated by the State for "categorical funding." These monies can only be used for quality education improvements, library books, and instructional equipment.

Additional changes in the FY-84 Budget included an increase of \$70,000 for the student assistant program. The increase should allow more students to participate in the program.

Financial Aid Allocation Okayed

The Board approved allocation of 50 cents of the current student tuition fees (\$18.00 per semester hour for Florida residents and \$38.00 for non-residents) to be collected as a "financial aid" fee. The allocation may be used to assist students in athletics, public service, cultural arts, and other extra-curricular programs as determined by the institution, but not to exceed \$50,000. The balance of the financial aid fees shall be used to meet financial need and for recognizing academic merit.

The Board also approved establishment of registration fees for Community Instructional Services (CIS) activities at \$5.00 per course. The establishment of the fee is necessary to comply with Florida Statute 240.301 requiring that, while community colleges may offer community activities, the "program costs shall be partially borne by the students."

The Florida Statutes requirement is

effective October 1, 1983.

Employee/Dependent Tuition Reimbursement Revised

In response to the recently passed Senate Bill 7, modifications by the Board to the employee and dependent tuition reimbursement program required the following changes: FJC employees and dependents shall now be reimbursed for a maximum of six credits or equivalent hours per term for registration fees for courses taken at FJC. Additionally, employees must be employed by the College for at least six months prior to the beginning of the term, employees and dependents must meet admission requirements set by the Board, and employees and dependents must present a certificate of satisfactory completion of all courses taken. Employees will be reimbursed at 100 percent for courses passed and dependents will be reimbursed at 90 percent.

Previous to this change, FJC employees and their dependents could take an unlimited number of semester hours and be reimbursed at 100 percent for employees and 90 percent for dependents with a passing grade of "C" or better for courses taken at FJC.

The Trustees also passed a measure placing restrictions on registration and release of certain academic records for students who have outstanding accounts with the College. It is the belief that with these restrictions, students will be prompted to pay off outstanding debts with the College.

Board Approves CLAST Review and Remediation Courses

The Trustees approved non-college credit courses to provide opportunities to students who will take the College Level Academics Skills Test (CLAST). Approved courses include: "Writing

Review and Remediation for CLAST," "Mathematics Review and Remediation for CLAST," and "Reading Review and Remediation for CLAST." Courses are in effect Fall Term 1983.

The Board also approved the substitution of Scott, Foresman and Company's "High School Subject Tests" for tests currently used to award credit-by-examination for high school completion courses. Approval is effective for Fall Term 1983.

FJC's Board approved the following change in the adult high school completion requirements to read: "All students who did not complete graduation requirements by May 4, 1983, (including changes in "I" grades) must pass the State Student Assessment Test, Part II (SSAT II) prior to graduation." The approval sets FJC's adult high school graduation requirements in compliance with the May 4, 1983 U.S. District Court decision that the SSAT II is educationally sound and that the State Department of Education is authorized to make a passing score on the test a requirement for graduation.

Board Approves "Professional" Personnel

The Trustees also voted to approve the designation of eight FJC employees as "professionals" and voted to adopt a Professional Contract to be issued for the employment of professional personnel. Additionally, the Board moved to revise the internal administrative organization chart to reflect changes associated with the professional category.