

Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association
Legislative Issues 2004-2005
FJCCSGA State Conference
Statement of Position

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TO: FJCCSGA Executive Board, FJCCSGA members, Council of Presidents, Council of Student Affairs, and FCCAA Executive Board

From: Kurtson Boulware, FJCCSGA President
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RE: 2005 FJCCSGA OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Florida Junior Community Colleges Student Government Association (FJCCSGA) held their annual state conference in St. Petersburg from February 10th through February 13th, 2005. Over four hundred and seventy (470) were in attendance at the conference; each student representing the 1.1 million students attending the 28 community colleges across the state.

At the conference students participated in educational sessions and elected the 2005-2006 executive boards for both state and district levels. Most significantly the delegates representing the community college students voted on the 2004-2005 legislative issues affecting the students throughout the state of Florida.

Attached are the results of that vote indicating the student's stance on the legislative issues for 2004 – 2005

Thank you for your continued support and efforts. We look forward to your response. . If you have any questions, please contact me at Kurtson613@aol.com or Ms. Pacheco at OoXGabyXoO@aol.com.

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1. Capital Improvement Fee

We the delegates of the 2004-2005 FJCCSGA State Conference **Support** legislation that would increase the fee at no more than \$1.00 per year to a ceiling of \$4.76 per credit hour (amount allowed for the university system).

FJCCSGA SUPPORTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE

2. Excess Credit Hours

We the delegates of the 2004-2005 FJCCSGA State Conference are **opposed** Senate Bill 2236: Relating to Tuition Rates/State Universities

S2236 GENERAL BILL by Constantine; (CO-SPONSORS) Campbell Tuition Rates/State Universities; requires students to pay out-of-state tuition rate for credit hours in excess of specified number for community-college credits & for overall credits applied to baccalaureate degree; provides for tuition rebates for students who take minimal excess hours in earning baccalaureate degree; provides maximum allowable amount for such rebate; provides conditions to such rebate.

FJCCSGA DOES NOT SUPPORT EXCESS CREDIT HOURS

3. Undocumented Students

(In state tuition for non residents)

We the delegates of the 2004-2005 FJCCSGA State Conference **support** the DREAM Act and House Bill 119 / Senate Bill 226 containing provision for undocumented students

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