

Energy Fund.

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Green Energy Fund is approved by students on individual campuses through referendum elections, and the Student Green Energy Fund, and students have voted overwhelmingly in support of the concept every time.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Student Green Energy Fund. Enclosed is further information on the fund and any other information you may need.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure

Non-binding student referendum passed by 75%. Student Government and Board of Trustees are in support.

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Non-binding student referendum passed by 67%. Student Government is in full support.

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University of South Florida

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University of South Florida - St. Petersburg Campus

Student Government is in full support.

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New College of Florida

Non-binding referendum passed by 85%. Student Government and Board of Trustees are in support.

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University of West Florida

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Florida International University

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Florida State University

Non-binding student referendum passed twice with an average of 70%.

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Florida Atlantic University

Non-binding student referendum passed by 53%.

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Currently, all students listed and thousands of others not listed are working to continue to demonstrate even further student and University support of our solar energy programs. We've created a website for you to sign our petition or to help us in any way by engaging our Student Governments and working with them to pass Student Green Energy Resolutions. We are working on building

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Students vote in a campus renewable energy fee.

• If established, funds generated from the fee must be spent on projects that reduce campus energy costs.

• The proposed fee could not surpass \$1 per credit hour initially and would generate **\$1,299,350** for energy

• The fee would sunset every three years and a student referendum election would be called to determine if the fee should be maintained or extended.

• Any subsequent fee increase would require another student referendum election.

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Proposal Benefits

• **Reduces University Energy Costs** (University of Central Florida used as an example)

• Energy costs typically are a university's 2nd greatest expense behind payroll: **\$12,657,399** at UCF²

• During fiscal year 2008-09, UCF invested approx. **\$800,000** in energy efficiency projects for **\$564,654**

yearly savings. The proposal will generate **\$1,299,350** more a year at UCF for such projects, possibly allowing the university to almost **double** these yearly savings.

• The funds generated will allow students to help their universities save money on utility costs and thus

• Proposed fee would not be covered by Bright Futures, thus having no outside budgetary impact.

Creates Job Opportunities

order to engineer and maintain the energy efficiency and renewable energy projects funded by the proposal.

Student Supported

• At **six** of Florida's eleven universities, including all major institutions, students have already voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal in student referendum elections.

• Students will vote to establish the Student Green Energy Fund every three years, resulting in an

• Students have the opportunity to express their views regarding energy savings

• The Student Green Energy Fund will be the lowest costing per credit-hour student fee and will allow students to see long-term savings in their academics.

• The proposal has been accepted by a majority of the State of Florida's major universities.

By investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that reduce energy costs, universities will

² Board of Governors State University System of Florida Facts and Figures 2008



Projected Income for Florida Universities

UNIVERSITY	Amount	Amount	Amount
New College of Florida	\$27,044	\$1.00	\$27,044
University of West Florida			
Florida A&M University	330,042	\$1.00	\$330,042
University of North Florida	397,752	\$1.00	\$397,752
Florida Atlantic University	648,966	\$1.00	\$648,966
Florida International University	907,182	\$1.00	\$907,182
Florida State University	1,112,066	\$1.00	\$1,112,066
University of South Florida	1,148,066	\$1.00	\$1,148,066
University of Central Florida	1,299,350	\$1.00	\$1,299,350
University of Florida	1,399,994	\$1.00	\$1,399,994

Source: Board of Governors State University System of Florida Facts and Figures 2008

Universities With Student Green Energy Funds

University	Fee Amount	Funds Raised
University of Tennessee	\$4 per semester	\$400,000
Western Washington University	\$1.00 per credit hour	\$355,000
Middle Tennessee State University	\$8 per semester	\$350,000
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	\$4 per semester	\$145,000
University of North Carolina - Charlotte	\$4 per semester	\$100,000
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	\$2 per semester	\$140,000
University of Missouri - Kansas City	\$3 per semester	\$133,000
Tennessee Technological University	\$8 per semester	\$120,000
University of the South	\$45 per year	\$70,000
University of Utah	\$1 per semester	\$64,000
University of Colorado at Boulder	\$1 per semester	\$50,000
Connecticut College	\$3 per year	\$47,000
University of Oregon	\$60 per semester	\$36,000
Northland College	\$20 per semester	\$25,000
University of Wisconsin - Green Bay	\$1.60 per semester	\$18,000