

RESOLUTION 554

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University has a goal of increasing enrollment to 10,000 students; and

WHEREAS, awarding the faculty scholarships, implemented in fall 2010, has increased the ACT score, academic profile, and enrollment of JSU freshmen; and

WHEREAS, the success of recipients, including a retention rate of 69%, can be attributed to this scholarship, which provides a limited 4 year, 128 hours tuition and books scholarship to students with a minimum ACT of 26 or a minimum SAT 1190, and whereas, 533 students were enrolled as faculty scholars in spring 2013; and

WHEREAS, the average cost for these scholarships has been \$3,450 per student, per semester; and

WHEREAS, meals and housing expenses are paid by the students thus generating revenue for the university.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jacksonville State University will continue the faculty scholarship program in its current form and that data will be gathered and analyzed at the end of the spring semester, 2014, a time that completes the four-year cycle of faculty scholarships, to determine the feasibility of scholarship continuation and modifications to eligibility criteria as appropriate.