



Item: AS: I-2

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Tuesday, June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: PROVOST'S REPORT

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

No action required. Information Item.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A PowerPoint presentation will be provided at the Board of Trustees meeting.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.



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Overview

- I. Major Accomplishments in 2011-2012
- II. Preview of Strategic Initiatives for 2012-2013



I. Major Accomplishments in 2011-2012

- A. Prepared for Institutional Reaccreditation
- B. Expanded Centers for Instructional Support
- C. Initiated Hiring of “Star Faculty”
- D. Spearheaded Faculty Move to Jupiter
- E. Solicited Faculty Ideas to Improve Services
- F. Implemented Efficiencies
- G. Enhanced Academic Leadership Team

A. Prepared for Institutional Reaccreditation

➤ Credentialing

- Constructed credentialing database
- Verified credentials for faculty teaching 9,690 sections in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

➤ Assessment

- Established review teams for program assessment
- Updated assessment database for degree programs
- Completed assessment of core curriculum

A. Prepared for Institutional Reaccreditation - continued

➤ Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

- Established working teams and developed plan
- Plan: expand culture of research, scholarship and creative activity for undergraduates
- Integrated with honors programs



B. Expanded Centers for Instructional Support

➤ Center for Teaching and Learning

- Opened new facilities in Fall 2011
- Provides academic success tools for students and teaching resources for faculty
- Serves over 10,000 students annually



B. Expanded Centers for Instructional Support – continued

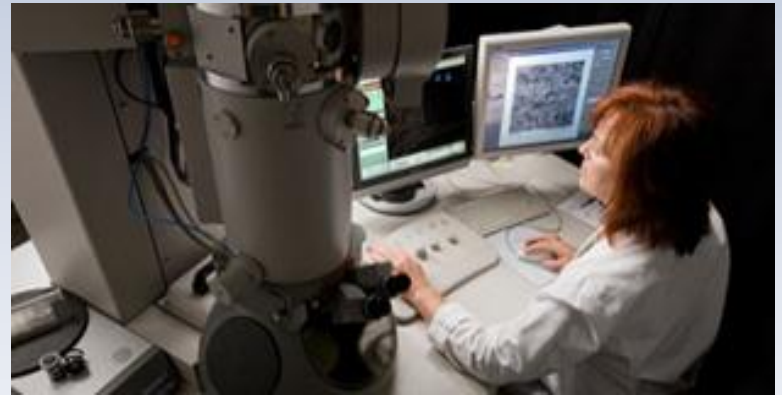
➤ Center for eLearning

- Remodeled facility opened October 2011
- Trained 102 faculty in 2011-2012
- Plan to increase rate of faculty training

Data for fully on-line courses in 2010-2011	
Students enrolled in at least one online class	7,872
% students enrolled in at least one online class	22%
Fully online credit hours produced	45,806

C. Initiated Hiring of “Star Faculty”

- Recruiting Senior Faculty (with VP for Research)
 - Ocean and mechanical engineering
 - Neuroscience
 - Robotic bioengineering
 - Biogeochemistry
 - Physical oceanography
 - Nursing



D. Spearheaded Faculty Move to Jupiter

➤ Jupiter Science Initiative

- Moving 7 faculty to Jupiter campus
- Established teaching lab in neurophysiology
- Joint MD/PhD program with Scripps Florida
- Joint PhD program with Max Planck Institute



E. Solicited Faculty Ideas to Improve Services

- Honors Education Task Force
 - Implementing recommendations
 - Appointing leader for honors programs
 - Adding honors programs in Departments
 - Increasing enrollment in Honors College



E. Solicited Faculty Ideas to Improve Services - continued

- Celebrating Faculty Success Task Force
 - Implementing recommendations
 - Establishing online reporting system
 - Reviewing existing awards
 - Expanding unit-level recognition
 - Revising Provost's website to highlight successes

E. Solicited Faculty Ideas to Improve Services - continued

- International Research and Education Task Force
 - Hosted roundtable for faculty involved in international research and study abroad programs
 - Appointed Task Force in February
 - Received report in May
 - Reviewing recommendations



F. Implemented Efficiencies

➤ Summer School

- SCH generation currently at 96% of Summer 2011
- About 25% fewer classes than Summer 2011
- Offering over 2,200 sections
- About 1,000 are lab sections, practicums, and other classes with limited enrollment
- Moved classes from Treasure Coast to Jupiter to reduce administrative overhead

F. Implemented Efficiencies - continued

➤ Reducing Administrative Overhead

- Moving courses and degree programs from Treasure Coast to Harbor Branch, Jupiter or Boca Raton campuses
- Teams of faculty and staff led by Associate Provosts and Deans are developing plans to suspend instruction at Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach

F. Implemented Efficiencies - continued

- Budget Reductions to All Units
 - Deans, Chairs and Directors have reduced faculty hiring and staff positions while working to maintain course offerings next year



G. Enhanced Academic Leadership Team

- Cohesive team of Associate Provosts and Deans
 - Held productive Deans Retreat in the Fall
 - Hired Dean of College of Medicine
 - Strategic planning as team effort
 - Work plans directly from strategic plan



II. Preview of Strategic Initiatives for 2012-2013

➤ FAU's Strategic Plan

- Goal I: Enrich the Educational Experience
- Goal II: Inspire Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity
- **Goal III: Increase FAU's Community Engagement**
- **Goal IV: Leverage Momentum toward Achieving Goals by Being Good Stewards of Resources**

Goal I: Enrich the Educational Experience

- Enhance quality of undergraduate academic programs
 - Expand honors programs
 - Support development of writing skills in students
 - Expand STEM initiatives
- Strengthen and expand graduate programs
 - Improve graduate degree completion rate
 - Enhance and nurture the College of Medicine

Goal I: Enrich the Educational Experience – continued

- Support an organizational culture dedicated to student success
 - Identify high risk courses and develop strategies for improving student performance
 - Develop a seamless advising system
 - Adopt course scheduling policies that promote timely graduation

Goal II: Inspire Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

- Increase scholarship and creativity
 - Benchmark FAU's promotion/tenure criteria against aspirational peers
- Increase funded research
 - Increase number of faculty hired with funding
- Involve students at all levels in research, scholarship and creative activity

Summary

Accomplished Major Goals for 2011-2012

Exciting Strategic Initiatives for 2012-2013