

Chairperson's Written Report for the Steering Committee September 10, 2013.

Welcome to the newly appointed members of the Steering Committee. We look forward to your active participation in our deliberations. Your service is invaluable to the University as members of the governance structure and guardians of the curriculum.

The Academic Policies and Personnel Committee had its first meeting on September 4, 2013. On their agenda were discussions on:

1. How to proceed to the creation of an auditing instrument to evaluate issues dealing with unit compliance to their constitution and By Laws,
2. A suggestion that a relevant library contact be included in each syllabus and that a hyperlink be included in posted syllabi to educate students about available library support and to encourage closer collaboration of colleges and the library.

The Committee also discussed the review of the Tenure and Promotion document and the application of the process at FIU.

The Graduate Council at its meeting on September 5, 2013 approved a motion to forward for reading and approval at the next Steering Committee meeting, the new guideline for online PhD programs. The guidelines includes inter alia:

1. Standards for Admission
2. Security Screening
3. Methods for mentoring
4. Strategies to verify student's compliance with academic policies.

If approved by the Steering Committee, the motion will be moved to the full meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The Board of Trustees and their Committees will be meeting on Tuesday September 10, 2013 at the Kovens Center on the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Among the items scheduled for discussion are:

The External Relations Committee.

- Strategic Budget
- FIU's Footprint Expansion
- Local Community Engagement.

Finance and Audit Committee

- Campus Master Plan Update
- Financial Performance 1012-2013
- Status Report from the Office of the Inspector General (Internal Audit)

Academic Policy and Student Affairs

- Various reports on enrolment, Graduate and Undergraduate education.

All are invited to attend.

A review of the specialty license plate report issued by the State indicate that FIU ranked 76th in 2012 with the purchase of 2,677 plates. Number one on the list was UF with 97,348. We ranked behind such issues as Animal Friend #27, Endless Summer #41, Live the Dream #59. Show your Panther Pride. Buy a Plate.

Forms going Hi Tech continues.

There were revision made to the forms used to effect changes to courses and program. These changes will in no way affect the submissions but will expedite the approval process.

Looking forward to a good year.

Thanks for your kind cooperation.

Regards,

C. Delano Gray

Chairman.