

Chairperson's Written Report for the Steering Committee June 3, 2014.

Thanks to the Faculty for making the commencement ceremonies a success. I am sure this greatly appreciated by the students now alumni.

The Spring Commencement exercises were conducted from April 27th to April 29th, 2014 and we graduated over 4000, students.

This commencement included the second group of Medical Doctors that graduated from Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. The College of Law held its commencement exercises on Friday May 23rd 2014. This was the tenth year that the College has held these exercises.

We will continue our discussions on the Tenure and Promotion document at the next meeting of the Senate on June 10, 2014.

There will also be the second reading of the motion to convert the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Misconduct, now the Academic Integrity Committee, to full Committee status. The Committee has also forwarded procedures that require changes and approval for your review. They will be included with the documents for this meeting.

The Board of Trustees Committees will be meeting on June 3, 2014 with a full Board meeting on June 12, 2014. The meetings will begin at 8:00 AM in the MARC Pavilion and the full Board will be meeting at the Wolfe Center, BBC.

FIU Health announces new outpatient center for the Miami-Dade community

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(Architect Rendition)

FIU Health announced Friday, February 14, its plans to build a new 36,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) on the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus. The new site, just off the corner of SW 8th Street and 107th Avenue, will allow for expanded primary and sub-specialty care services, along with diagnostic imaging and ambulatory surgery for pediatric patients. It will complement the current FIU Health practice opened in August 2011.

Changing of the Guard

You have already heard that Dr Douglas Wartzok has stepped down as the Provost. Dr Wartzok was appointed in 2009 as Interim Provost, and in 2010, was appointed to be the Provost. He has served for five years in that position.

The new Provost will be Arts and Sciences Dean Dr Kenneth Furton. Dr Furton became dean of FIU's College of Arts & Sciences in 2007. Before that, he held the titles of department chair in chemistry, and also associate dean of budget, facilities, and research. He has a bachelor's degree in forensic science from the University of Central Florida and a Ph.D in analytical chemistry from Wayne State University.

"Dr. Furton's qualities make him uniquely suited to follow in the big footsteps of Provost Doug Wartzok and assume leadership as Provost immediately," President Mark Rosenberg said in a statement. The change will be effective July 1st, 2014

Professor to President

Former FIU professor and Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) researcher Luis Guillermo Solís won Costa Rica's presidential elections with a commanding 77.8 percent of the vote on April 6.

As a visiting researcher in FIU's Latin American and Caribbean Center in 1999, Solís worked on assessing anti-gang policies and programs in the Middle Americas, providing social science research and policy analysis aimed at informing governmental and civil society efforts to mitigate the criminal youth gang problem in the region.

In 2007, President-elect Solís co-authored a book with FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg as part of a Harvard University project titled *The United States and Central America: Geopolitical Realities and Regional Fragility*, a concise overview of the recent history of U.S.–Central American relations.

FIU and the Public Schools

Florida International University has honored Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho with an honorary degree in public service in recognition of improving academic achievement in Miami-Dade schools. He was recently named Superintendent of the Year by the School Superintendents Association.

FIU Collaboration

On February 25th, 2014, Broward College and Florida International University hosted a special event to commemorate the construction of FIU at I-75, an 89,000-square-foot joint-use facility.

Broward College's offerings will focus on business, supply chain management, global trade and logistics. A number of credit-for-prior learning options will also be available, as well as credit by examination.

FIU's offerings are similar to the current offering at the Pines Center, which will move to Miramar at the end of the summer: Undergraduate programs in liberal studies, business and construction management and graduate programs in business, engineering, education and public administration. Certification/non-degree programs, test preparation and languages also will be available.

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates.

There were very long discussions with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor on performance funding and the matrix used to determine the allocations. Of particular interest was how does the matrix tie in to each institution Work Plan and what will happen if an institution currently receiving funds were to fall below the threshold in the next cycle.

- A. The work plans should be a reflection of the matrix and can be tied to performance in related areas.
- B. The current method allow for the loss of base funding with a return of those funds with demonstrated progress over six months and a year.

This method will apply until there is legislative change.

There was quite a discussion on sexual harassment. We will be checking with General Council to see if FIU is in compliance with applicable laws.

Legislative Update.

SB 530, The textbook legislation did not pass. We however heard Through “reliable sources”, that this will be on the agenda for next year.

HB 851, Waiver of out of state fees for students including the undocumented, passed if they satisfy certain requirements. This bill also eliminated the CPI tuition increases, no tuition increases for this fiscal year and limits increases to the “preeminent”

Copies of the general appropriations and the legislations passes are included with your material.

Thanks for your kind cooperation.

Regards,

C. Delano Gray

Chairman