Subject: Academic Affairs – Academic Advising

Proposed Committee Action
No action required. Information item

Background Information
Academic Advising at FAU – Dean Pratt

Implementation Plan/Date
N/A

Fiscal Implications
N/A

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Academic Advising at FAU

Academic Advising Units

• Freshman Academic Advising Services (FAAS) – professional advisors
  o Advise all freshmen and undeclared sophomores

• Academic advising units in each of the colleges -- primarily professional advisors, limited faculty advising
  o Advise all declared majors
**What Do Advisors Do?**

- Advising on course selection, degree/major requirements
- Advising of transfer students and potential transfer students
- Orientation sessions, open houses, recruitment
- Pre-professional advising (graduate school advising, testing, certification, etc.) – Biology has 1,100 “pre-professional” majors
- Evaluate transfer credit; process transient student forms
- Academic petitions, student grievances, honor code violations
- Oversee degree application and certification process
- Assist at-risk students

**Advisor-to-Student Ratios**

- NACADA minimum standard is 300:1 (300 students per advisor)
- FAU’s Freshman Advising has ratio of 424:1
- Critical areas in FAU colleges
  - Arts and Letters – 1,332:1
  - Science – 719:1
  - Business – 588:1
  - Education – 505:1
  - CAUPA – 544:1
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## Current and Future Plans

- 9 new hires will be in place by fall 2010
  - 4 in Arts and Letters, 2 in Science, 2 in Business, 1 in CAUPA
  - Science ratio will be 500:1
  - Business ratio will be 464:1
- Advising situation will be re-evaluated in fall 2010
  - Possible addition of 4 new advisors in 2011 and 3 new advisors in 2012
- Possible restructuring of Freshman Advising
  - Restructure Freshman Advising to handle all students in their freshman and sophomore years, as well as initial transfer advising