STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Request: For Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida Atlantic University is experiencing unprecedented growth in the number of applications for freshmen admissions for summer/fall 2011. This near doubling is a clear indication of the progress the university is making toward the BOT goal of transforming FAU into a university of first choice for entering college freshmen.

Fall Applications as of February 7-8:

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>9,158</td>
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<td>9,642</td>
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(An increase of 9,299=96.4%)

Of the students from this pool admitted to date:

- 961 presented High School GPAs of 3.5 or higher, SAT scores of 1800 or higher, ACT scores of 27 or higher
- Admitted students indicated preferred majors in the Colleges of:
  - Science 2,035 Nursing 385
  - Business 920 Design and Social Inquiry 370
  - Arts and Letters 912 Honors College 154
  - Engineering 585 Undecided 741
  - Education 523
- 8.6% are non-Florida residents
Academic (merit) Scholarships available are made available in amounts ranging from $1,000 one-time awards to $4,000 renewable awards. A new renewable award was created this year that will be available for approximately 50 students. In addition, Academic Excellence Awards in the form of partial waivers of out-of-state tuition are made available to academically qualified non-resident students. The pool of applicants for which this award was made available was doubled this year.

Follow-up efforts include emails to applicants with incomplete applications, faculty contacts with all applicants awarded scholarships, and institution-wide faculty follow-up with students interested in their academic disciplines.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A