



Item: AS: I-4

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

No action is necessary. This item is only informational.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A PowerPoint update on Student Government initiatives is attached and will be presented at the meeting.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Supporting Documentation: SG 2015-2016 Year in Review PowerPoint Presentation

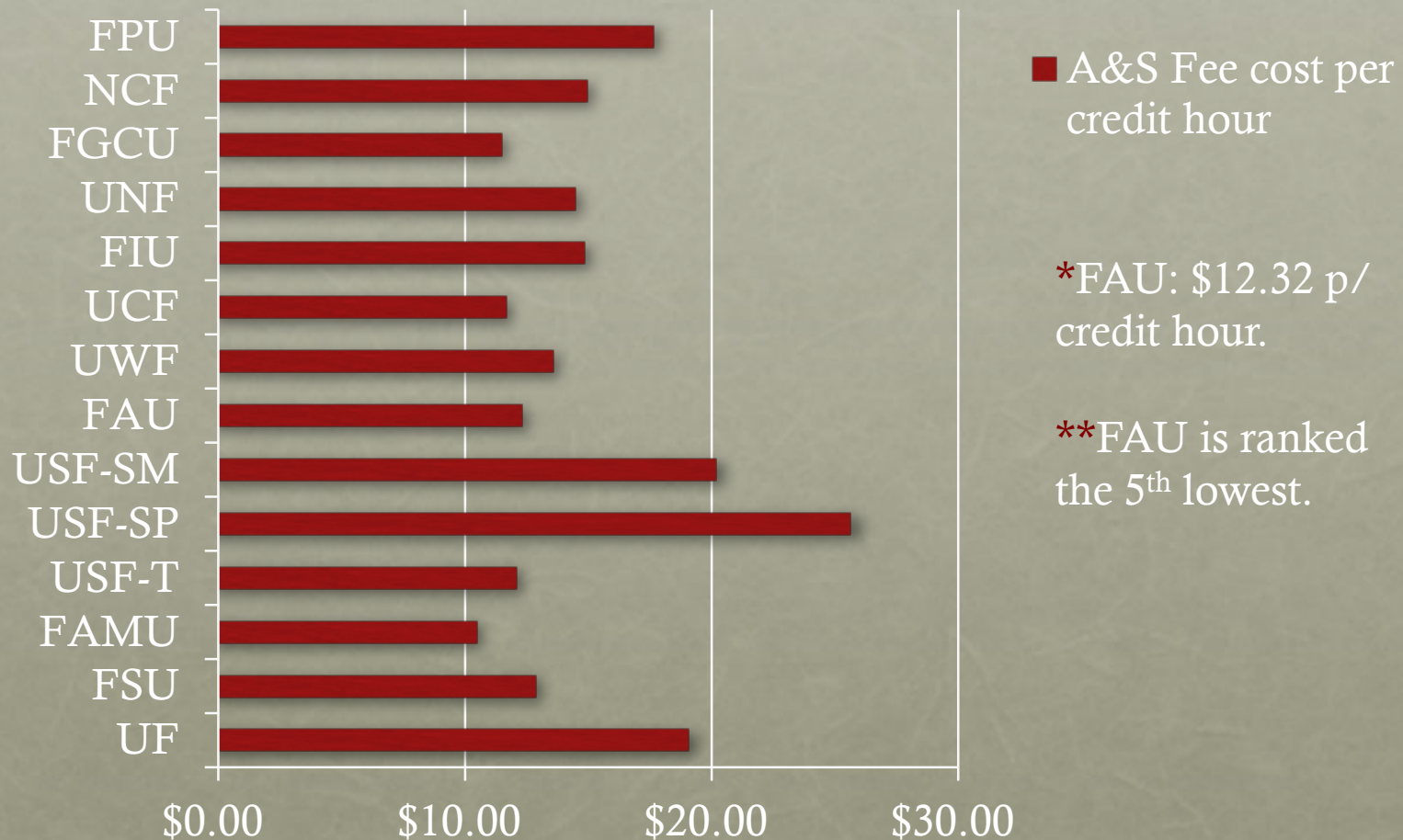
Presented by: Trustee Kathryn Edmunds, Student Government President
Phone: 561-297-3746

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
2015-2016
YEAR IN REVIEW

Pioneering for Student Success

ACTIVITY AND SERVICE FEE IN THE SUS

A&S Fee cost per credit hour

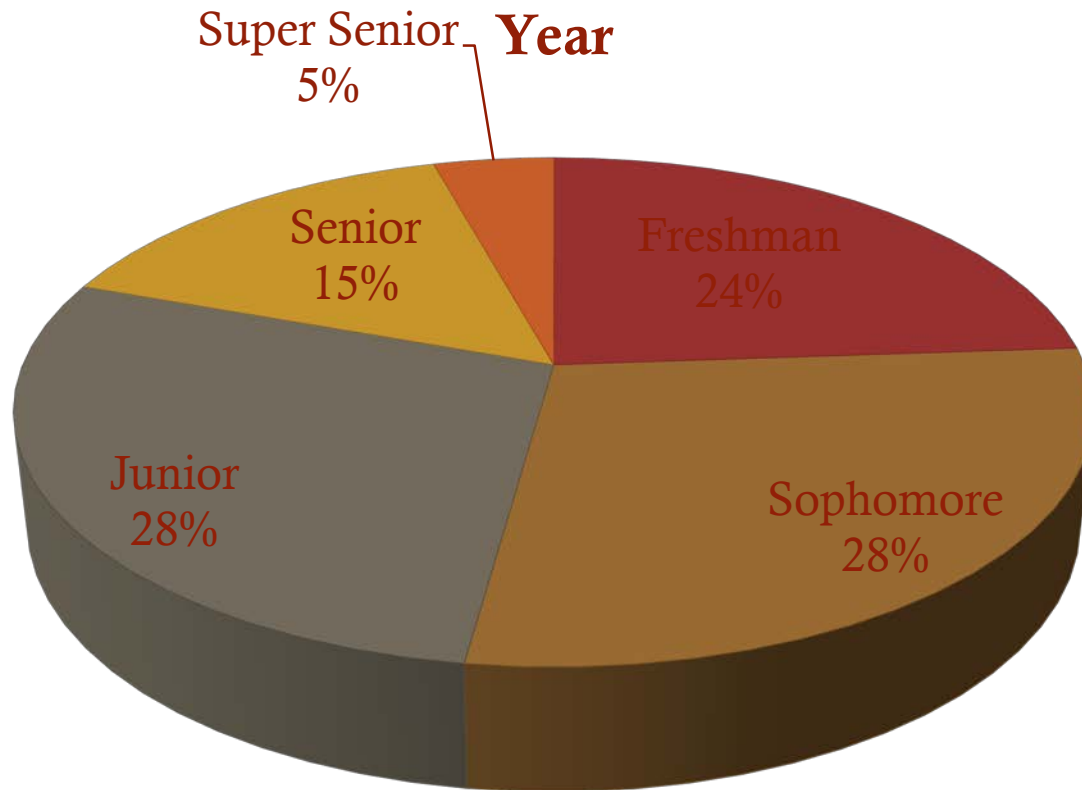


FACILITIES

FAU's Student Government covers a percentage cost of the following facilities.

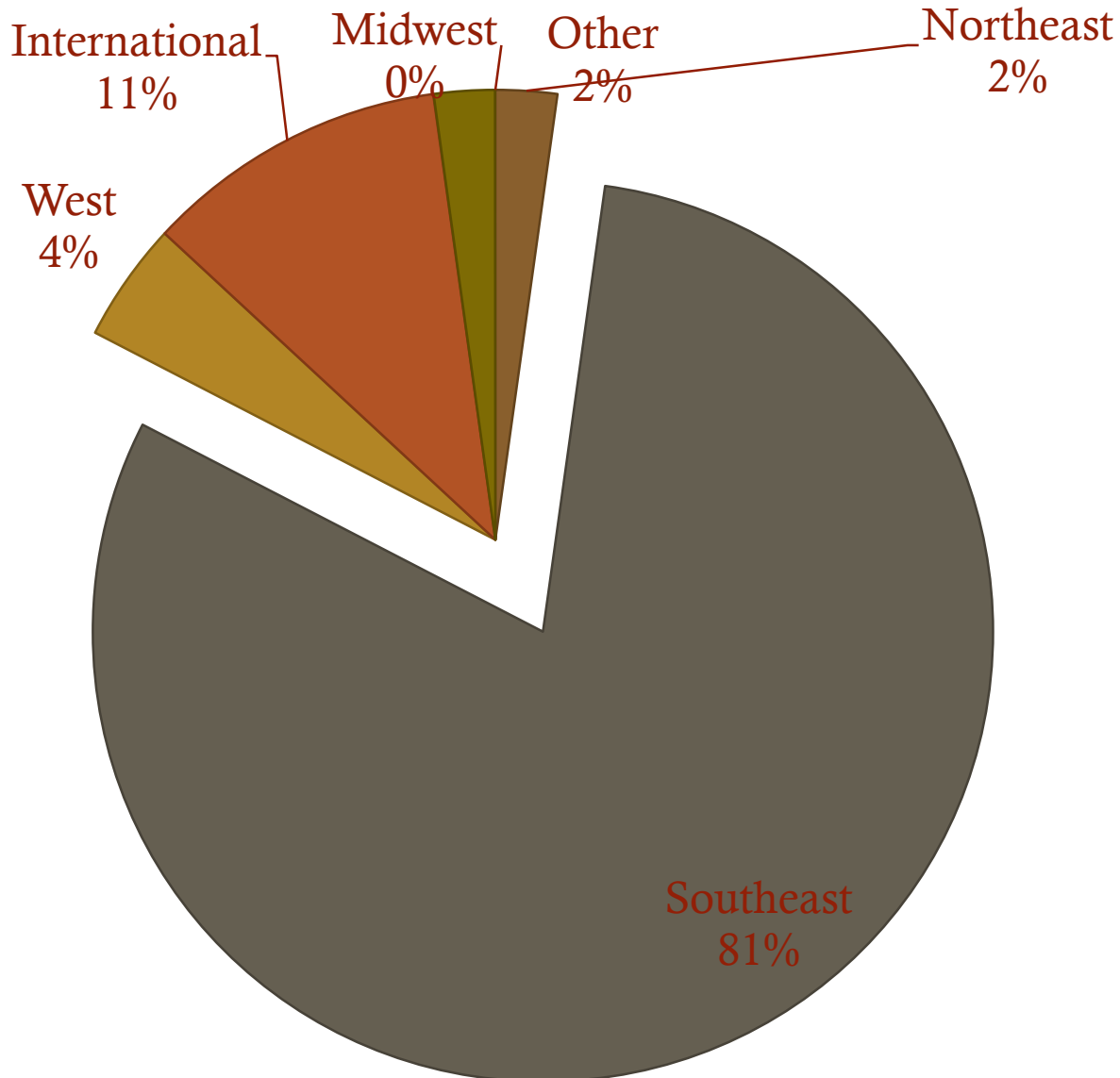
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- BROWARD CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER
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- HENDERSON FIELDS
- JUPITER CAMPUS RECREATION
- TRACK AND FIELD COMPLEX

DEMOGRAPHICS



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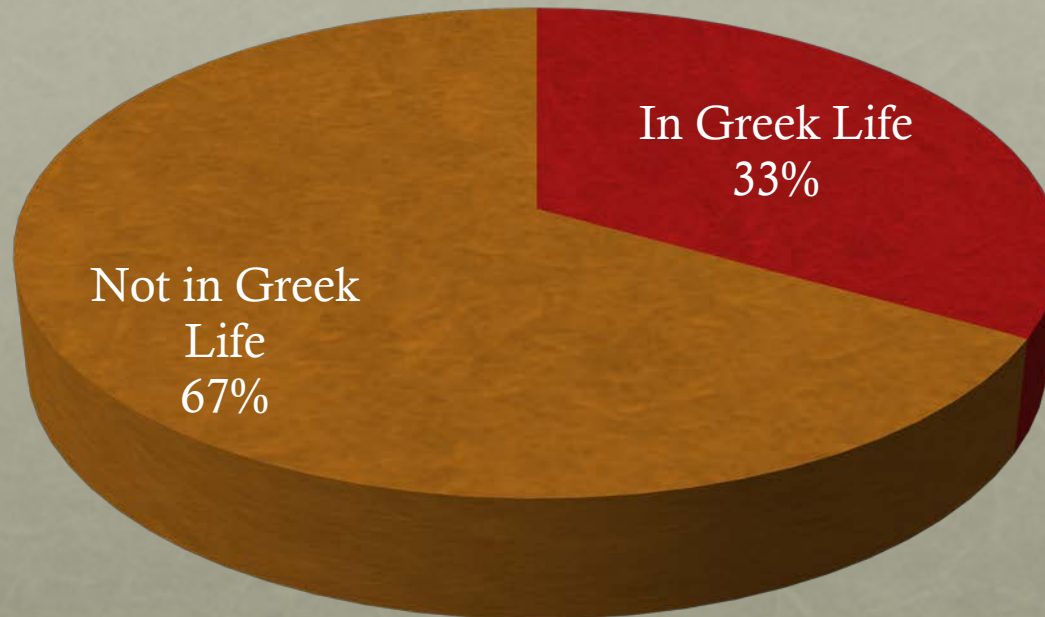
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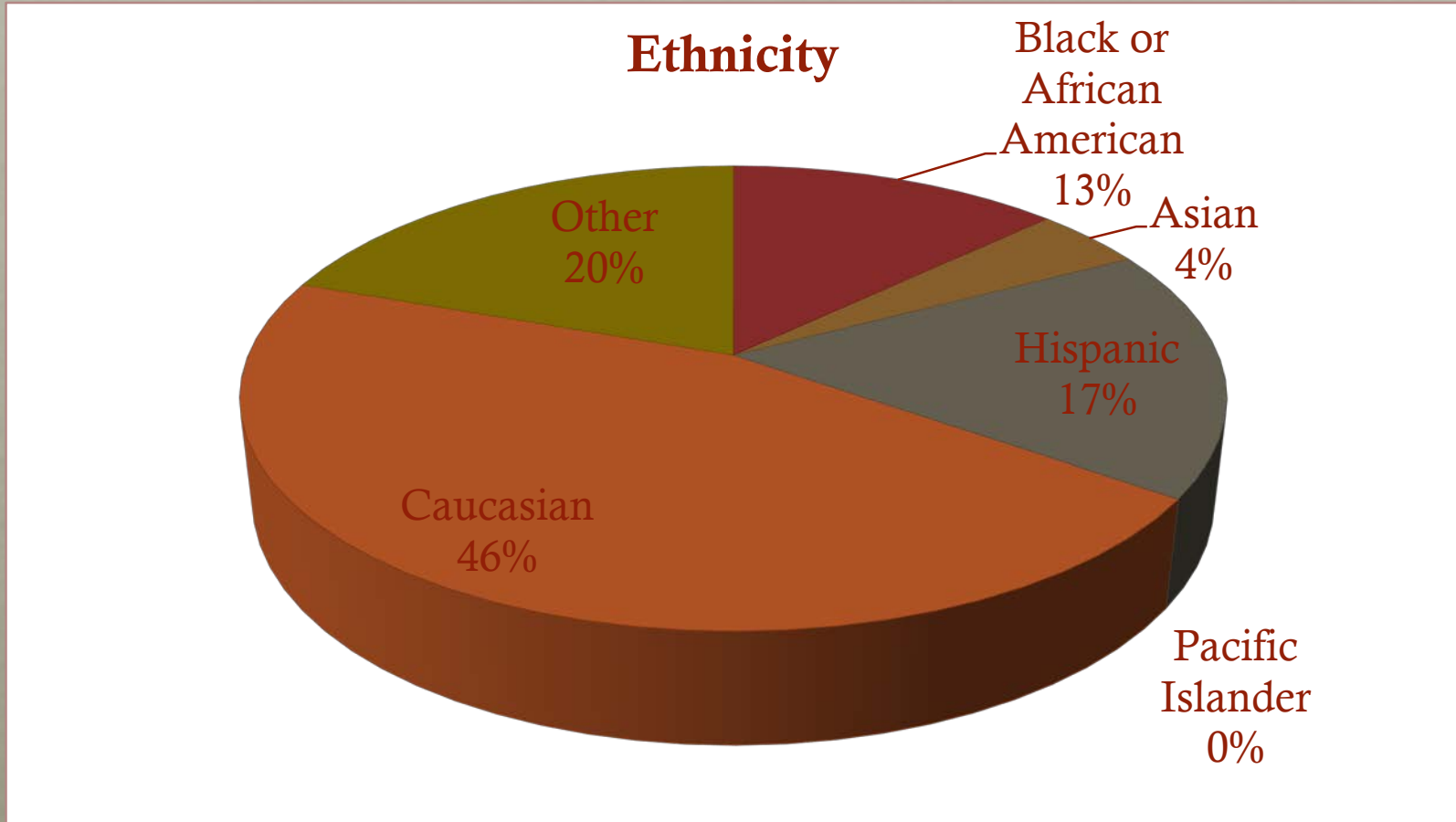
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Students In Greek Life



This chart is based off the top 31% involved in Student Government.

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2015-2016 GOALS

- Community Engagement
- Diversity Inclusion
- Owl Pride
- Safety, Wellness & Sustainability

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**“COMMUNITY IS MUCH MORE THAN
BELONGING TO SOMETHING; IT’S ABOUT
DOING SOMETHING TOGETHER THAT MAKES
BELONGING MATTER.”**

–BRIAN SOLIS

TALLAHASSEE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

FAU STUDENT GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH FIRST
LEGISLATIVE FELLOW IN SENATOR
SACHS OFFICE

“I quickly became surprised with how much I could learn through this experience. I believe that it has provided me with a unique approach to the Florida Capitol, and enabled me to understand politics for the beast that it truly is. It is because of such endeavors and subsequent comprehensive growth that I will be forever grateful for those who helped me into this position as Legislative Fellow.”

–BRENNAN GARCIA, Philosophy;
Sophomore

Florida Atlantic University's ("FAU") First Legislative Fellow



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...onsider possibilities for empowering college and univer
...n the Palm Beach County area with new opportur
...Kelly has been guiding FAU's student population of ar
...e January of 2014. He was kind enough to make time to
...t for my efforts in representing students within my distr
...rward County and Palm Beach County areas. In partic
...Kelly expressed his appreciation for my involve
...a new legislative fellowship program for FAU students.

STUDENT LEADERS IN THE CITY COUNCIL

Student Government encouraged student leaders to engage with the City Council and get involved. Hamilton Ezell, Government Relations Director for Student Government, was appointed to a committee on the City Council. Previous Vice President Thomas De Maio also serves on a City Council committee.



ENGAGING FUTURE LEADERS



Fifty elementary to high school students signed up to spend a day in the life of a student body president.



SG partnered with the Division of Public Service and ACES to meet with over 500 high school student leaders to talk about leadership in action.

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Student Government got involved with the Florida Board of Governors by engaging in state-wide conversations about the issues that our students care about including:

- ❖ Bright Futures/Collegiate Affordability
- ❖ Counseling Services
- ❖ E-Learning
- ❖ Mental Health
- ❖ Students with disabilities



FLORIDA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2016 Legislative Platform

RALLY 'N TALLY

FAU Student Government opened its doors for all students to apply for the annual Rally 'n Tally event. We had over 20 students representing FAU for the Florida Student Association's 2016 Legislative Platform.

Expand Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Disbursements

ASK: Allow Bright Futures Program to cover summer credit hours by appropriating the necessary funding from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. We request that the following methods be considered: (1) Additional allocation granted by the Florida Legislative branch for the purpose of Summer Bright Futures funding. (2) Revision of the Florida State Board of Education rules and regulations to allow additional Bright Futures funding to be awarded during the summer term. (3) Restoration of the Bright Futures scholarship award amounts from 75% and 50% to 100% and 75% award amounts required for the program of study, respectively."

RATIONALE: The BOG analysis of the impact of funding summer credit hours stipulates, "the benefit to students includes faster time-to-degree, quicker entry into the job market, and the likelihood of reduced debt." The Education Enhancement Trust Fund, which funds Bright Futures only in Fall and Spring semester currently is projected to have a \$75 million surplus this year; the State is statutorily required to allocate funds to Bright Futures before any other educational use. The expansion of bright futures contributes to a better-educated workforce, speedier graduation, and more efficient use of campus facilities throughout the entire year.

Support Legislation Act Relating to Postsecondary Access and Affordability

ASK: Co-sponsor or support (SB 984 and HB 7019)

RATIONALE: Tuition costs static, this legislation focuses on reducing educational costs that encumber students by requiring BOG & SBE to submit annual report on college affordability; revising provisions relating to textbook & instructional materials affordability; requiring certain universities & institutions to provide public notice relating to tuition and fees; & revising provisions relating to tuition differential. (partial bill summary language)

Support Legislation Relating to Bright Futures Scholarship Program

ASK: Co-sponsor or support (SB 520/ SB 990 and HB 793)

RATIONALE: Excellent Florida high school graduates that have earned the a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and become unable to accept the award initially because of religious or service obligations are provided access to and renewal of their earned merit-based scholarship after the completion of their aforementioned obligations.

Support Board of Governor Legislative Budget Request

ASK: Support Funding of (2) Board of Governor's Legislative Budget Request on:

1. Mental Health Counseling Services

RATIONALE: All Florida students deserve equal access to mental health services; this LBR will raise the staffing levels of the SUS Counseling Centers to the minimum staffing ratios that are recommended by the profession's accreditation association, (IACS). Currently, ten of the 12 SUS counseling centers (not New College and Florida Polytechnic) are operating above the IACS standard for minimum staffing.

2. Campus Safety and Security

DIVERSITY INCLUSION

**“DIVERSITY IS THE MIX. INCLUSION
IS MAKING THE MIX WORK.”**

-ANDRES TAPIA

PRESIDENTS ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET

The PAC added 9 new positions to its team this year to be able to effectively serve the FAU community. These positions include:

- ✧ Attorney General
- ✧ Chief Financial Officer
- ✧ Deputy Chief of Staff
- ✧ Executive Projects Manager
- ✧ Freshman Class Council President
 - ✧ Historian
 - ✧ Legislative Director
 - ✧ Press Secretary
- ✧ Sustainability Director



Team members preparing for FAU Day at the Capitol until midnight the night before lobbying.

CAMPUS APPOINTED POSITIONS

Campus Governors also created additional positions to assist in the meeting the demands of the Student Body including:

- ❖ Boca Raton Director of Photography
- ❖ Boca Raton SAVI Assistant and Associate Director
- ❖ Boca Raton Night Owls Late Night Drivers
 - ❖ Boca Raton Program Board Committee Chair
 - ❖ Governors Executive Assistant
 - ❖ Police Liaison



OPEN FORUMS

Open forums are essential for student involvement and community engagement. Student Government hosted four open forums university wide including:

- ❖ Boca Raton A&S Fee
- ❖ Boca Raton & NAACP
- ❖ Jupiter Housing
- ❖ Open Carry



ENGAGING STUDENTS IN DECISION MAKING



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
PRESENTS **GUNS ON CAMPUS**
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM/FORUM

DO **YOU** WANT TO HAVE GUNS ON CAMPUS?
NOVEMBER 19, 2015
2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
STUDENT UNION PALMETTO PALM



If accommodation(s) for a disability is required contact Amanda Cacapava at
SoPresChief@FAU.EDU a minimum of five (5) working days in advance of the date of the event

Open-Carry Open Forum



HOMECOMING
SAVI CONCERTS

FREE PIZZA!
LEARN WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2016
1PM 2PM

Boca Raton A&S Fee Open Forum

OWL PRIDE

**“THERE IS NOTHING MORE CONTAGIOUS
THAN UNBRIDLED ENTHUSIASM.”**

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

“I have been in Student government for two years now and it has been the two best years of my life. To have the ability to make the lives of the student body happier makes my whole world glow and to have the ability to make the life of even one student happier and better is the number one reason why I became a student politician. This position gives me the experience on what it is like for me to be in politics outside of the educational setting.”

–Adam Sturm, Sophomore

SG NEW LOGO



Student Government launched its new Student Government logo in November of 2015.

SPREAD THE LOVE, FAU.

"All too often, simple acts of human kindness are often overlooked and under utilized. Encouraging the heart allows us to motivate others to find their voice" (Kouzes and Posner). FAU's Student Government's "Spread the Love" Campaign aims to create a campus environment of paying it forward.

SPREAD THE



**This is for YOU...
YES, YOU!
Pick me up!**

"I thought someone dropped this letter. I picked it up, read it anyway, and the message gave me a warm feeling inside, I had to read it a few times. It's as if I was meant to find it. Not too often do we get reminders like these. So thank you for that. Someone else could've picked this letter up, but I did. And now my day has consisted of thinking of the words you guys carefully put together because they made me smile, they made me feel a little more special than I already do attending FAU. [#SpreadTheLove](#)"
—Catherine Avellaneda

RESOLUTION FOR 24/5 LIBRARY

Month	Count	# of Days	Avg. per day
August	990	15	66
September	3735	20	187
October	3584	19	189
November	3423	18	190
December	1634	5	327

- ❖ Student Government worked with the Division of Student Affairs and the library to expand hours until 2am.
- ❖ Students have been voicing a need for a library that is 24/5.
- ❖ The graph content was provided by the Dean of Libraries, Dean Hixson.
- ❖ The numbers are specifically for the hours between midnight and 2:00am.

RENAME 20TH CAMPAIGN

Student Government launched a #Rename20th Campaign to involve students in the decision making process for our local community. Students came up with names including:

- ✧ Burrow Boulevard
- ✧ Graduation Way
 - ✧ Hoots Hallow
- ✧ Owlsley Avenue
 - ✧ Owl Way**
- ✧ Talon Terrace
- ✧ Varsity Drive



#RENAME20TH
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Tweet using #Rename20th

For a chance for your suggestion
to be selected as the new name
For 20th Street

MILKSHAKES

Boca Raton Campus Governor Chris Ferreira fought for Milkshakes at FAU.

Make sure to enjoy any of the delicious flavors now offered at the Boca Raton Campus Chic-Fil-A.



FAU DAY AT THE CAPITOL



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Our Student Government leaders have had the opportunity to work with local and state wide leaders to discuss the important issues facing our students.



2015 YEAR IN REVIEW



FAU Student Government

2015

Year in Review



ESTABLISHED FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL
FOOD SERVICE HOURS EXPANDED
MENU OPTIONS ADDED
MILKSHAKES AT CHICK-FIL-A
RENAMING 20TH STREET CAMPAIGN
OWL PERKS DISCOUNT CARD

- **TALLAHASSEE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**
- **ENHANCED GAMEDAY PROGRAMMING**
- **FREE TEDX TICKETS FOR STUDENTS**
- **DISCOUNTED FL PANTHERS TICKETS**
- **NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT LOGO**
- **EXPANDED ZIPCAR PROGRAM**

SAFETY, WELLNESS & SUSTAINABILITY

**THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS
SHOULD ALWAYS BE OF THE
UTMOST PRIORITY.**

A THREAT TO THE FAU COMMUNITY

In September, a student had threatened to shoot up the Breezeway through social media communications. It was through bystander intervention that this student turned themselves in. The students were addressed through a video sent out via social media sharing the details of the situation to keep all students informed. This was the first time a video was used as a formal update on student safety.

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Yak update from Student Body President



“YIK YAKE UPDATE FROM
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT”

BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

University Wide

- 24/5 Library Resolution
- Approval of University Textbook Review Policy
- Freshman Class Council
- It's On Us
- New PAC positions
- Student Government Banquet

Campus Based

- Boca
 - ❖ Freakers Ball
 - ❖ Juried Student Exhibition
 - ❖ Night Owls Golf Cart Purchases
 - ❖ Statute Revisions
 - ❖ Videoconferencing
- Broward
 - ❖ Student Union Enhancement
 - ❖ Calculator Check Out
- Jupiter
 - ❖ Candy-Gram Funding

UPCOMING EVENTS

University Wide

- Executive Retreat
- Freakers Ball
- GPSA Research Day
- It's On Us
- Student Government Banquet
- Women's Institute

Campus Based

- Boca
 - ❖ Festival of Nations
 - ❖ Gubernatorial Address
 - ❖ Milkshakes with Governor
 - ❖ Stress Less Week
- Broward
 - ❖ Diversity Block Party
 - ❖ Coffee House
 - ❖ Art Gallery
 - ❖ Broward Governor Elections
- Jupiter
 - ❖ TEDxJupiter
 - ❖ Spring Formal