



Item: AS: I-5

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: PROVOST'S REPORT

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

No action required. Information Item.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A PowerPoint presentation will be provided at the Board of Trustees meeting.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

Supporting Documentation:

Inactive Program Notification Form

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Provost's Report

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Introduction

- I. Recruiting Senior Faculty
- II. Neuroscience at Jupiter
- III. Honors Education Task Force Report
- IV. Celebrating Faculty Success
- V. Events



I. Recruiting Senior Faculty

- College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - Department of Ocean and Mechanical Engineering
 - Charles E. Schmidt Eminent Scholar Position
 - 5 outstanding finalists
 - All finalists have grants
 - Interviews underway

I. Recruiting Senior Faculty (cont.)

- Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
 - Department of Biology
 - Neuroscientist to be hired at Jupiter
 - Scientists from Scripps Florida and Max Planck Florida Institute on the search committee
 - Excellent applicant pool
 - Selection of finalists underway

I. Recruiting Senior Faculty (cont.)

- Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
 - Three positions
 - * Marine Robotic Engineering
 - * Marine Biogeochemistry
 - * Physical Oceanography
 - Applications close May 1
 - Review of applicant pool in May



I. Recruiting Senior Faculty (cont.)

- College of Nursing
 - Very few applications
 - Extremely difficult to find PhDs
 - Will re-advertise position



II. Neuroscience at Jupiter

Fall 2012 (present group)

- 6 faculty
- 3 technicians
- 2 postdocs
- 15 graduate students
- 6 undergraduate interns



Fall 2015 (proposed group)

- 13 faculty
- 20 technicians
(1-2/faculty)
- 13 postdocs (1/faculty)
- 20-30 graduate students
(1-2/faculty)
- 26 undergraduate interns
- 1 Administrative staff
- 1 technical staff

III. Honors Education Task Force

- Task Force charged May 2011
 - Full report submitted August 2011
 - Posted on website; campus-wide feedback
 - Provost requested Task Force to reconvene
 - Priorities submitted February 2012

III. Honors Education Task Force (cont.)

- Implementation steps
 - Designate honors coordinator
 - Initiate research mentor program
 - Begin marketing efforts
 - Improve the nomination process
 - Conduct student focus groups and surveys

IV. Celebrating Faculty Success

- Task Force appointed December 2012
- Report received March 28 2012
- Primary recommendations
 - Establish online reporting system
 - Review existing awards
 - Expand unit-level recognition tools
 - Revise Provost's website to spotlight success



IV. Celebrating Faculty Success (cont.)

- 43rd Distinguished Teacher of the Year
 - Dr. Deborah Louda
 - Associate Professor of Clinical Science and Medical Education
 - First Distinguished Teacher of the Year from the College of Medicine



IV. Celebrating Faculty Success (cont.)

- Excellence and Innovation in Advising
 - Dr. Mary Ann Gosser Esquilín, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
 - Dr. Lofton Bullard, College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - Dr. Terje Hoim, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College



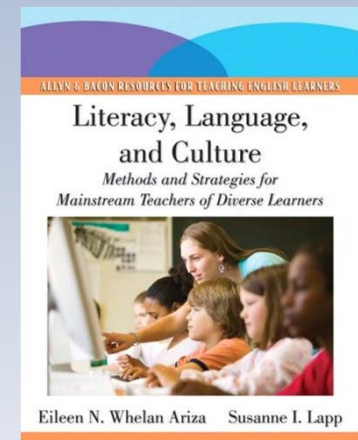
IV. Celebrating Faculty Success (cont.)

- Dr. Peter McCarthy, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, awarded \$410,000 grant from National Institutes of Health
- Two-year grant identifies marine microorganisms that combat malaria
- Partnered with University of Central Florida faculty member



IV. Celebrating Faculty Success (cont.)

- Dr. Eileen Ariza and Dr. Susanne Lapp, both of the Department of Teaching and Learning
- Recently published the book *Literacy, Language, and Culture: Methods and Strategies for Mainstream Teachers with Not-So-Mainstream Learners*.



V. Events

- Faculty Book Authors Event, April 12
- Honors Convocation, April 16
 - Teaching and advising awards
 - Researchers/scholars of the year
- Employee Service Awards, April 18

