

ACADEMIC MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY ELEMENT

Goal 1

Florida Atlantic University will continue to be a comprehensive university which successfully utilizes a distributed structure to provide high quality associates, bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs to its large urban service area. Common to all campuses is an emphasis on faculty excellence in teaching, scholarship and service dedicated to the academic enrichment of students as they achieve their highest potential and to the intellectual, cultural and economic growth and development of the communities we serve.

Objective 1A

Enhance, expand and promote the distributed structure of the University as an effective means of serving the educational needs of the service area.

Policy 1A-1

Continue academic program development at each campus according to assessed needs of the university and the area served.

Policy 1A-2

University officials and local constituencies will continue to consult on a regular basis to determine how to best meet the programmatic needs of different regions in our service area in accord with overall university development.

Policy 1A-3

Assure that complete degree programs are offered at all sites to minimize the need for students to attend more than one campus.

Policy 1A-4

Course offerings at developing sites will continue to be increased as physical, material and human resources allow.

Policy 1A-5

Assure consistency in content and quality of common programs at different sites.

Policy 1A-6

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Existing procedures for the review of curriculum, degree programs and faculty at all campuses will continue in operation. These will be implemented through the governance structure of the university and the Academic Affairs Offices.

Policy 1A-7

Continue the physical development of all campuses consistent with projected enrollments and academic programs.

Policy 1A-8

Continue to work with the Legislature and the BOR to secure the financial support requested in CUP and other initiatives designed to enhance the distributed physical presence of the University in Southeastern Florida.

Objective 1B

To regularly review and modify as necessary the mission statements of the colleges in accordance with assessed needs of their constituencies and the mission of the university as a whole.

Policy 1B-1

Each college will continue to review its mission statement annually when preparing the year-end annual report which, in part, assesses achievement of goals and objectives. Modifications of the mission statement will occur by consensus of the faculty and the dean if this review deems it advisable. Modified mission statements must remain in accord with the university mission.

Objective 1C

To review and revise as necessary the 1993-1998 BOR approved university mission statement for the next planning period (1999-2004). In the interim, any proposed revisions of college mission statements will be reviewed to ensure that they continue to reflect the university mission.

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Policy 1C-1

The university mission statement undergoes an extensive review on a five year cycle which coincides with the BOR academic planning policy. Faculty, administrators, students, staff and external constituents participate in the review and any revision of the statement which results.

Objective 1D

To maintain and improve the programs offered to students to achieve the mission of the University.

Policy 1D-1

Suggestions for new programs are solicited at the appropriate time in the five year academic planning cycle. A list of all submitted proposals is compiled for review and discussion by the faculty, deans, vice presidents and Provost. A final list of proposed programs is then prepared for submittal to the BOR.

Policy 1D-2

Existing programs are modified by the faculty of the concerned department(s) and college(s). Among the reasons for modifications are: stated goals and objectives are not being met as indicated by measurable criteria; response to recommendations of a five year BOR program review; changes in accreditation requirements; changes in the discipline.

Policy 1D-3

In establishing priorities for new program development, the following criteria are taken into consideration:

- assessed needs and student demand of campus service area;
- existing faculty strengths in the discipline;
- existing resources available to the discipline; and
- cost.

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Objective 1E

FAU shall continue its practice of developing a Campus Master Plan, updated at five (5)-year intervals.

Policy 1E-1

FAU shall pursue modifications, upgrades and expansion of its physical facilities and infrastructure which are incorporated into the most recently approved master plan.

Policy 1E-2

FAU shall submit to the Board of Regents, within four years from the date of plan adoption and every five years thereafter, an evaluation and appraisal report which:

- Lists accomplishments during the implementation of the campus master plan, describing major problems associated with development and land uses, and the degree to which the goals, objectives and policies have been successfully reached;
- Identifies obstacles or problems which resulted in underachievement of goals, objectives, or policies;
- Identifies the need for new or modified goals, objectives, or policies needed to correct unanticipated and unforeseen problems and opportunities that have occurred since adoption of the campus master plan;
- Addresses local government and public participation in the process;
- Addresses the effects of changes to the State Comprehensive Plan and to the comprehensive plans of the host local government and any affected local governments;
- Identifies proposed and anticipated plan amendments necessary to address identified problems and opportunities; and
- Identifies a means of ensuring continuous monitoring and evaluation of the plan during the remainder of the overall planning period.

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Policy 1E-3

FAU shall submit to the Board of Regents, within five years from the date of plan adoption and every five years thereafter, a proposed plan amendment which incorporates the findings and recommendations contained in the evaluation and appraisal report, and which contains updated baseline data (as appropriate) and goals, objectives and policies to be accomplished during the remainder of the overall planning period.

Policy 1E-4

FAU shall undertake an annual review of the goals, objectives and policies and programmed improvements identified in the most recently approved Master Plan to determine if amendments modifying the plan are necessary. Should revisions to this master plan, either alone or in conjunction with other amendments, exceed the thresholds established in s. 240.155(9), F.S., said amendments shall be reviewed and adopted under the provisions of s. 240.155(6)-(8), F.S. Amendments to this master plan which do not exceed these thresholds shall be consolidated into a single submittal and sent to the SUS Office of Capital Programs for review and approval by the Board of Regents.