



Item: VI. AS: A-3

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

**SUBJECT: FAU FTIC Admissions Standards**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approval of proposed provisional modifications to FAU's FTIC admissions standards

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Analysis of the academic performance of FTIC students enrolled at Florida Atlantic University from Fall 2002 to Fall 2006 indicates that some students admitted under current State University System guidelines are unlikely to succeed at the university or remain enrolled. At the request of the University Board of Trustees the University Provost has carefully examined these data and proposes certain modifications to current standards as authorized under Florida Board of Governors' Regulations 6C-6.001 and 6C-6.002.

Based on this analysis of admission criteria and student success, the university proposes provisional modifications to the FAU FTIC (Freshman) Admissions standards for Board of Trustee consideration as presented in the attached summary.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Provisional implementation as of Fall 2008 with full implementation in Fall 2009 per analysis of impact and pending full Board of Trustees approval.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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Supporting Documentation: Proposed Modifications to FTIC Admissions Standards  
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## **Proposed Modifications to Florida Atlantic University FTIC (Freshman) Admissions Standards**

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Current State University System admission standards for FTICs are based on achievement of a high school grade point average (HSGPA) of 3.0 or better on 18 required academic units. Students who achieve less than a 3.0 may also be eligible for admission if they present a sufficiently high test score on the SAT or ACT; the lower the GPA the higher the required score.

FTIC students admitted to FAU from Fall 2002 through Fall 2006 who presented GPAs of 2.6 or below, regardless of offsetting standardized test scores, achieved on average less than a 2.0 FAU GPA by the end of their first year.

Based on this analysis the university proposes the following actions for Board of Trustee consideration:

- Modification of FTIC admissions standards should be based on high school GPA.
- For FTIC admissions for Fall 2008, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions should be directed to use, as a guideline, a cutoff of 2.6 HSGPA. Students presenting a 2.6 or below should have their entire records carefully examined and separately considered for admission.
- The University Provost should review the effect of this guideline on the Fall 2008 entering freshman class.
- On the basis of the above review, the Board should consider possible modifications to the current admissions standards, beginning with the entering class of Fall 2009.