

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

The Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Office exists to assist students in achieving their educational goals by offering assistance with academic matters, health and well-being, leadership and student development with respect and individualized attention. This support fosters student retention, persistence and graduation and also reinforces the mission of Florida Atlantic University's Division of Student Affairs.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reclassified Assistant Dean/Director of Student Conduct to Associate Dean/Director & Assistant Director of Student Conduct to Associate Director as part of addressing Title IX Response and Academic Integrity processes.
- Initiated comprehensive Student Conduct training with Residential Life staff including weekly Conduct Review meetings to facilitate consistency and timeliness in addressing student conduct in addition to monitoring trends.
- Conduct process administered "paperless"
- Conducted an External Review of Office of Student Conduct
- Leadership Development Program Involvement: Participation numbers in LEAD sponsored university-wide leadership development programs grew by 63.44% in 2014-2015, with 2870 students participating vs. 1756 last year. LEAD defines "leadership development program" as programs specifically driven by the LEAD office, inclusive of pre and/or post assessments and centering on a leadership model or framework.
- Increased the number of participants for PFW by 30% (530 to 761)
- Attendance for homecoming grew 53% over last year (23 to 49)
- OPA Parent Advisory Board grew over 50% over last year (4 to 8)
- Spring PFW attendance increased by 25% over last year (29 to 39)
- All three student media outlets increased membership in the past year.
- Owl TV and Owl Radio saw increases in revenue through student-sales initiatives.
- Expanded DJ event services to include football tailgates and events on partner campuses in Broward and Jupiter. Owl Radio has strengthened partnership with School of Communication, while establishing new partnerships with Housing, Hoot Wisdom Recordings and Campus Recreation.
- Three UP writers obtained internships at major metropolitan newspapers, such as the Sun-Sentinel, Palm Beach Post and the Stuart-News (Treasure Coast Newspapers).
- OWL TV increased its coverage of news and sports on campus. Including team coverage of the 1st ever Boca Bowl.
- The University Press organized the Free Speech Forum to increase awareness of First Amendment rights on campus. It was attended by over 60 students and staff from the University.
- Student Orientation survey data collection for summer/fall 2015 enrollment is underway. Data will be reported September 1, 2015.

- 97% freshman orientation attendance rate for students that reserved a space and attended (summer 2015).
- As of 6/30/2015 we have observed the following percentage increases in Orientation programs:
 - 15 % increase in Freshman Orientation reservations
 - 7% increase in Transfer Orientation reservations
 - 28% increase in Freshman Guest reservations
 - 13% increase in Transfer Guest reservations

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- The number of mental health issues in Housing continues to be on the rise.
- Meeting the needs of special student populations.
- Decrease in E & G funding and need to examine other funding sources to accomplish the stated goals.
- The ability to maximize the various funding sources within the Division of Student Affairs to meet the University and Divisional Strategic Goals.

MAJOR GOALS for 2015/2016

- Revise the Vision, Mission and Core Values of the office to reflect the change in organizational structure.
- Create a process by which the Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal (ECW) process including receipt of medical documentation can be facilitated on-line.
- Facilitate relationships with area apartment community managers and Boca Raton Police Department to increase communication toward more cooperative town-gown relationships.
- Investigate/ implement the on-line submission of “intake” forms to allow for accurate reporting, immediate creation of cases in Maxient and allow the office to move towards more of a paperless environment.
- Work towards the revision of Regulation 4.001: Academic Integrity. Create an operational manual which will assist faculty and administrators in the process of Regulation 4.001.
- Increase involvement by parents in Parent/Family programming initiatives by offering new and innovative programs.
- Develop a comprehensive student success initiative during Orientation for transfer students.
- Establish the Leadership Service-Learning Advisory Board (LEAD Think Tank recommendation)
- Leadership Studies Minor: Have 8/9 LDR prefix courses fully roll out. (With one LDR with a planned rollout of spring 2017). Add three courses to the Course Menu/Minor Checklist. Establish a Coordinating Committee. Roll out Minor marketing and ally training in appreciative advising. Recruit at least 50 Boca and five Jupiter students to declare.