

University Relations: Division of Community Engagement



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Making Waves

MISSION: Our mission is to promote and reinforce FAU as a valued and trusted partner; to advocate for the university at all government jurisdictional levels; and to facilitate partnerships with business, economic development and nonprofit organizations.



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FAU Federal Legislative Delegation 2013-14

- FAU has 8 Members of the US Congress
 - 2 US Senators
 - Senator Marco Rubio
 - Senator Bill Nelson
 - 6 Members of the House of Representatives
 - Rep. Tom Rooney
 - Rep. Patrick Murphy
 - Represents Harbor Branch & Jupiter campuses
 - Rep. Alcee L. Hastings
 - Rep. Ted Deutch
 - Rep. Lois Frankel
 - Represents the campuses of Boca Raton & Fort Lauderdale
 - Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Shultz
 - Represents the campuses of Dania Beach & Davie



FAU State Legislative Delegation 2013-14

- FAU has over 40 Senators and Representatives within the 6 county service area.
 - Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee
- Members with Key Committee Assignments
 - Sen. Negron – Chair Appropriations
 - Sen. Abruzzo – Education Appropriations
 - Sen. Sachs – Education and Education Appropriations
 - Rep. Powell – Higher Education and Workforce Committee
 - Rep. Thurston – Higher Education and Workforce
 - Rep. Larry Lee, Jr. – Education Appropriations

2013 Session Recap

- **General Budget** - The FY2013-14 Budget allocates approximately \$4 billion for the SUS and fully restores the \$300 million that was removed from last year's budget. This represents over a \$24 million restoration to FAU.
- **Performance Budgeting** - Through legislation passed during the 2013 session (SB 1076) the budget provides \$65 million in performance funding.
 - \$15 million for the winners of last year's IT competition (FAU competed for this money last year but did not place among the top 4 universities)
 - \$15 million for a master's degree in cloud virtualization technology and related large data management (this is a program FSU already has)
 - \$15 million for high-demand programs of emphasis determined by the BOG using the gap-analysis data (FAU will be able to compete for these funds)
 - \$20 million to be allocated by the BOG based on percentage of graduates employed or enrolled in further education, the average salary of graduates and the average cost per degree (FAU will be able to compete for these funds)



2013 Session Recap

- **Capital Funds** - The budget provides \$184 million in system-wide Fixed Capital Outlay funding.
 - \$70 million for Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund (FAU's share to be allocated by BOG)
 - \$44.4 million in critical deferred maintenance (FAU's share to be allocated by BOG)
 - \$70 million in Capital projects (FAU does not have any projects that were identified to receive funding)
 - \$2.75 million for University Lab Schools Survey of Recommended Needs, which is a reduction from last year's \$4.2 million (Funds will be allocated to each of the 6 schools based on FTE student membership)
- **FAU's Specific Budget Provisions**
 - Increased funding for Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
 - \$500,000 in nonrecurring funding for medical school simulation center
 - \$946,000 in recurring funding to assist in the development of FAU's graduate medical education program
 - \$1.9 million in tuition authority
 - \$7.5 million in total funding for the state's 7 Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
 - A \$2.1 million increase over current fiscal year funding of \$5.4 million
 - FAU's CARD Center is slated to receive \$713,387, an increase from last year \$520,579
 - \$1.5 million for FAU/AMikids, an experiential learning program funded through Pine Jog.
 - \$222,801 in recurring funds for the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center (Memory Disorder Clinic)
 - The Center has never before received state operating funds
 - \$2 million in nonrecurring funds for Harbor Branch's Indian River Lagoon Observatory (IRLO) Water Project (VETOED)



Local Government Fast Facts

- There are nearly 500 elected officials within the FAU 6 county service area:
 - Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee
- There are 139 municipalities (*including unincorporated*).
 - Broward – 31
 - Palm Beach County – 38
 - Martin County – 14
 - St. Lucie County – 17
 - Indian River County – 23
 - Okeechobee County – 16
- 45 Chambers of Commerce
- 6 School Boards
- South Florida Water Management District
- Hospital District Boards, other local jurisdictions



Short Term Focus Areas

- Relationships
 - Internships
- Education
 - Inform elected and appointed officials about the exciting things going on at FAU
 - Tours
- Economic Development
 - Business Incubators
 - Startup Weekend West Palm Beach
 - Connecting faculty research with small businesses



What's Important To Your College?

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Research of Interest
- Community Linkages



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