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FGCU Faculty Senate Update Submitted to Advisory Council of Faculty Senates February 14, 2014

- 1. The Faculty Senate is on schedule with completing the identified four leadership initiatives for the year with some modification in the charges.
- a. Panel on the Future Quality Education at FGCU Has narrowed focus currently to examine The Florida Boa

Faculty membership is being coordinated with the Senate's Appointments Team, General Education Council and the Director of General Education.

- 5. We have one new BOT members that joined the Board in January. His name is Trustee Blake Gable
- 6. Dean searches in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Lutgert College of Business are in the final stages. Announcement of the two individual Deans likely will be in next 3

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differentiation, disease, growth and survival. We anticipate that biologists and biomedical scientists working with a variety of vertebrate (including human and other mammals) and invertebrate organisms will find the plenary sessions and other scientific presentations informative and stimulating.

Please share this invitation with your colleagues, post-doctoral fellows, staff and students. Free for all students. \

REGISTER NOW AT https://2014bcisymposium.eventbrite.com.

Plenary Speakers Include:

Dr. Charles L. Bevins, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, Davis

Dr. Diane M. Robins, Department of Human Genetics, Research Scientist for Reproductive Sciences Program, University of Michigan Medical School

In the U.S. News & World Report's 2014 edition of Best Graduate Schools, the Florida International University College of Law has risen to 105 among top law schools – up from 113 last year, an eight point rise.

In just four years, FIU Law has ascended from unranked (below 150), to 132, to 113, to their present ranking of 105. This represents an increase of more than 44 spots since 2009. At 105, FIU Law is tied with long-established schools such as Mercer University, Texas Tech University, and Wayne State University.

Academic Policy

The Academic Policies and Personnel Committee has reviewed and forwarded to the Faculty Senate the revised Tenure and Promotion document. This will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and forwarded to the Full Senate for approval. This process should be completed by the end of the semester.

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council's, after consultations with the Provost, has approved the recommendations on guidelines for the online PhD programs.

This was ratified by the Faculty Senate in the Fall of 2013. The guidelines includes inter alia:

- 1. Standards for Admission
- 2. Security Screening
- 3. Methods for mentoring
- 4. Strategies to verify student's compliance with academic policies.

Miami Herald

FIU fostering academic success for troubled students

Re FIU President Mark Rosenberg's Dec. 23 letter, S about Florida International University's role in helping public-school students excel on standardized tests:

I applaud Rosenberg, FIU and others for initiating another communitywide effort called Fostering Panther Pride.

This program addresses the needs of students coming from foster care or homelessness. FIU offers customized services that will provide these students with opportunities to succeed academically and graduate from a top-tier public research university.

New College of Florida

Campus Report for ACFS

Feb. 13, 2014

- 1. Princeton Review named New College of Florida the #2 Best Value among all public colleges and universities
- 2. New College is focusing on those BOG performance based metrics that we would have focused on anyway, since they are also good goals for the college and its students, such as retention and the transition from college to work.
 - A. A. Retention: A new position, Dean of Studies, was created to pay greater attention to students having academic difficulty. Associate Professor Robert Zamsky is filling the position. He has created an advising webpage with check lists for faculty advisors. The college has instituted first-year writing courses for students who need to improve their writing. A similar effort in quantitative skills is being planned. The college has also enhanced the Student Support Team, a collaboration between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, in order to intervene more quickly and effectively with students in need.
 - B. Transition from college to work: The college is increasingTm /TT6 (n) -0.2 s6ino (a) -0

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