

Academic Advising Update

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Academic Advising Update

- Elevated operational management structure and determined an Associate Provost to direct Academic Advising and Student Success
- Director of Academic Advising | Committee Constituted, Position Closed
- Worked collaboratively with Student Affairs to transition spring 2023
- Visited the “One-Stop Shop” and learned about Academic Advising processes
- Preparing search for Assistant Director of Academic Advising
- Establishing a New Advisory Council and scheduled meetings for spring 2023



Academic Affairs Advising Timeline Tracking



Program Category	Program Activities	% of Completion	Activity Status
Academic Advising Model	Determine university model for advisement Identify advisor liaisons Compensation review and assessment Finalize reporting structure Initiate the development communication plans Initiate the development of a training schedule Develop MOU and evaluation tools	100%	● Complete
Academic Advisor Personnel	Hire Director of Advising-Committee Constituted/Position closed Advisors transfer to AA (end of February) Compensation package review and implementation (Feb.) Hire new advisors (Feb-March) MOU's signed by academic units (March-April) Establish advisory council membership (Feb-March)	50%	● On Track
Academic Advising Training	Hire New Assistant Director (March) Establish PD Training Modules (Feb-March) Professional Advisor Training Schedule (March-April) Academic Advisory Council Meeting	20%	● On Track

Activity Status Legend



Complete

On Track

Ahead of
Schedule

Outstanding

Beginning of the Year Progress Update: as of 1/07/2023

Academic Advising Structure

Office of Academic Affairs
(Provost & Associate Provost)

Director of Advising

Assistant Director
Training & Technology

First-Year Advising
Advisor Liaison
(8) Advisors

CAFS/SAET/SOE
Director
(2) Advisors

Education
Director
(1) Advisor

Engineering
Associate Dean
(2) Advisors

Science & Technology
Associate Dean
(4) Advisors

Pharmacy
Associate Dean
(2) Advisors

Athletics
Advisor Liaison
(3) Academic Coaches
(1) Learning Specialist

Allied Health Sciences
Associate Dean
(5) Advisors

Business and Industry
Associate Dean
(1) Advisor

Journalism and Graphic Design
Associate Dean
(2) Advisors

Nursing
Associate Dean
(1) Advisor

Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities
Associate Dean
(8) Advisors



- The Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Academic Affairs has maintained ongoing review, planning, and analysis on student advising needs.
- High level management planning meetings to develop strategies for student success allowed for implementation to assist the whole student approach to academic progression.
- An academic recovery strategy designed to reduce barriers for academic success was implemented with 64 first year students.



- FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
Academic Advisor
- FAMU-FSU College of Education
Student

Questions and Answers



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the only historically state supported educational facility for African Americans in Florida. It has always been co-educational. In 1890, the second Morrill Act was passed. This enabled the school to become the Black Land Grant College for the State of Florida. In 1891, the college was moved from its original location west of town to its present location which was once the site of "Highwood," Territorial Governor W.P. Duval's slave plantation. The site is one of the highest hills in Tallahassee. The school was known as Florida A&M College from 1909 until 1953 when it attained university status.