

FSU Efficiencies

Prior to the October 2007 special session:

1. FSU has taken \$65,088,014 in budget cuts since 1990-91 and
2. The SUS has taken \$484,223,095 while increasing access, service and accountability.

Efficiency efforts underway and collaborative efforts:

1. Provided classes for more than 1000 additional unfunded student FTEs.
2. Developed new financial aid data system that has streamlined the process – more efficient and less costly. Sufficient savings in postage, printing and staff time.
3. Implemented on-line grading system and automated the instructional effectiveness oversight system.
4. Implemented set admission dates and on-line notification.
5. Implemented Mapping system to keep students on course for graduation and reduce excess courses. Worked with other universities to share best practices.
6. We have cooperative agreements with TCC, Chipola Community College for the RN to BN degree, UF for the PhD in Nursing Degree and have joint registration for FAMU students to take courses we offer and they don't.
7. Implementing a new graduate student recruitment system streamlining the application and tracking system
8. Reduced library hours (have now restored with non-recurring provided via October special session).
9. Worked to develop a shared library depository with several universities focusing upon a site in Gainesville
10. Reduced travel and expanded the use of the campus purchasing card to cut paperwork costs
11. Froze vacant positions and shift responsibilities to other staff
12. Taken measures to reduce utility costs—our goal is nearly 8% of the current spending—shutting down on weekends and late evenings, using Johnson Control (they are now in Sarasota at Ringling doing assessments) to assist in this effort. This is being done by initiating sustainable campus efforts and continued Campus Performance Contracting. Under the terms of a Performance Contract, a private contractor provides the following services: An

energy audit of the facilities, Development of a list of energy saving projects along with implementation costs and utility savings, Implementation (construction) of the various energy saving projects, and Monitoring of the completed projects to determine the yearly cost savings.

13. Notified all architects and contractors that professional fees will be reduced by 20% from the existing payment schedule---which was not increased a couple of years ago when DMS increased its schedule. Yes, it has reduced the # of firms seeking work at FSU but we are still seeing our “tried and true” companies who have been here in the past plus several new ones are coming forward, believing the opportunities for getting FSU jobs will be greater;
14. Promoted strategic sourcing in purchasing, challenging vendors to provide rock-bottom pricing and service excellence in exchange for “exclusive” or “preferred” designations—this is saving significantly ---and we’ll continue in this manner.