

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 7, 2012**

SUBJECT: Strategies for Student Retention: Academic Tracking Systems

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Not applicable

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Student retention is a critical issue facing higher education and State University System academic and student affairs administrators are spending considerable resources and energy to provide programs and services that will facilitate student's efforts to successfully complete a degree program. There are numerous initiatives and strategies that are in place in the SUS that are enabling students to progress through a degree program with greater efficiency.

At this committee meeting, university administrators will discuss academic tracking systems and how they are working to keep students "on track" in their pursuit of a degree. During the presentation, the University of Florida, a national pioneer in automated tracking systems, will provide an overview of its Universal Tracking System, and Florida State University will review outcomes gained from its Academic Mapping System and provide a broad overview of the state of the tracking technology. In addition, there will be an interesting conversation on the efforts of one campus to analyze the specific needs of its student and faculty population and determine the most efficient system to purchase.

Supporting Documentation Included: Presentation Materials

Facilitators/Presenters:

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