

Commitment to Guiding Principles and a Plan of Action for the FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering

The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering should remain a Joint College.

Significant administrative and organizational changes will be implemented over the next year within a renewed Joint College of Engineering Governance Council, including, but not limited to, the following:

- By April 1, 2015, a 12-member permanent Joint College Governance Council will be established, comprised of the Presidents (or their designees), the Provosts, the Vice Presidents for Research, and the Chief Financial Officers of FAMU and FSU. The Dean of the Joint College of Engineering and two student representatives, appointed by the respective Student Government Association presidents of the two universities, will be included as ex-officio non-voting members. The Chancellor will be a voting member of the Governance Council. The Chancellor may also designate a representative.
 - The Joint Council shall meet at least quarterly.
 - The Joint Council shall receive reports at least semi-annually on the following topics, and may require additional reports at its discretion:
 - Recruiting, enrollment and graduation by gender and ethnicity
 - Adequacy and consistency in academic preparation and achievement
 - Budget and expenditures
 - Research funding and activities
 - Faculty hiring, promotion, tenure, and integration
 - Technology transfer and commercialization activities
- The creation of a new budget entity for the Joint College will be pursued during the 2015 legislative session, to include all operating funds for the Joint College, including the appropriate amount of plant operation and maintenance funds.
- A multi-year plan must be developed and presented to the Board of Governors by June 1, 2015, to address the renovations and repairs for Buildings A and B, and the completion of Building C.
- The Joint College should integrate academic and student affairs activities that have been separately administered by FAMU and FSU so that a true Joint College of Engineering is established.
- By March 1, 2016, the Joint College must submit a report to the Board of Governors documenting the completion of the above activities.