

SUMMARY OF NOTES TAKEN AT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM MEETING LAST WEEK - NOTE CHANGES IN **RED** FROM WHAT WAS IN THE SENIOR POWER POINT PRESENTATION

******Note that all schools that have switched and are now going to be using the District GPA listed on the transcript and not recalculating the core GPA will be using the *weighted* District GPA which accounts for rigorous classes such as IB and AP's. Strength of schedule become very important*** Also, no matter how many DE credits you have taken, always apply as a Freshman.**

NEW COLLEGE FLORIDA, SARASOTA:

SONIA WU -Director of Admission. They do not give grades, only written evaluations at end of each semester.

They give exemptions from general ed requirements for IB(6,7), AP's (4,5).

They admit 800 students per year

10:1 faculty to student ratio

Students must conduct a major research project in their field at end of senior year and present to faculty. See more about the college in "Colleges that change lives" guide.

Lots of flexibility and choice in curriculum –students design their own education. Strong critical thinking and writing skills. **NEW: They will use the district GPA and will no longer re-calculate GPA**

Feb 15 is the priory scholarship deadline. Latin American/International students scholarship and FL tuition are possibilities – see website.

USF – TAMPA, ST. PETE, SARASOTA:

DAVID LEE HENRY - Admissions (encompasses 3 campuses – Tampa (main), Sarasota and St. Pete).

USF-Sarasota (hospitality and info tech); St. Pete (marine science) –smaller campuses with higher stats (6500 students, average is: 3.78 GPA, 1125 SAT, 25 ACT)

Population: 47,000 kids total for all 3 schools. They have no south Florida office at this moment so go through Tampa for all inquiries. Average GPA is 4.0, 26-29ACT, 1680-1910SAT, STEM, natural science, education are popular majors. **Rolling admissions**, with first decisions coming out in late October.

Deadline Jan. 2 for academic scholarships. If apply early and have qualifications reviewed for their Honors College. Nov. 2 Stampede to Success – see website. Required to live on campus first year.

UF - GAINESVILLE:

CHAUNDRA MITCHELL-Interim Director of Freshman Admissions

Fall 2014 application now online.

Nov. 1 deadline = Feb 14 decision date

NEW!!!! SAR - Self- reported classes and grades, no transcript necessary unless and until you are accepted. See website for details!! Only FINAL transcripts need to be transmitted. Must contact UF if schedule changes during senior year from what you put on the SAR.

6375 freshmen accepted annually, Average: 4.1-4.4 GPA, 1780-2220 SAT, 26-31 ACT

Will accept test scores up to December 31 but let them know when taking the tests.

Do housing app ASAP after apply. Do not wait to be accepted.

Holistic approach to admission

Innovation Academy - accepts 380 students/year live together. Go to school in spring and summer ONLY.

Here is a guide to the SAR from the folks at UF:

As you are aware, we are now using a self-reported academic record (SAR) with the application. I wanted to share some tips for your students as they complete the SAR. Many of the questions surrounding the SAR have focused on accurately reporting semester grades.

To complete the SAR, they need to have a copy of their transcript with them. If the transcript reflects semester grades rather than year-long grades, they need to complete the SAR accordingly, so it appears as:

Subject Area	Generic Course Title	Course Name	Course Level	Course Length	Semester/Term	Final Grade
English	ENGLISH HONORS 1 (1001320)	ENGLISH HONORS 1	Honors	Semester	First	A
English	ENGLISH HONORS 1 (1001320)	ENGLISH HONORS 1	Honors	Semester	Second	A

Many students have been entering the semester grades as they appear on the transcript, but indicating that the course length was "Full Year", thus significantly inflating the number of completed academic units in high school. This needs to be done for EVERY class on the transcript, regardless of subject matter and the grade they enter needs to be an unweighted grade.

Classes taken in middle school, all should be shown as 8th grade regardless of the year taken --- the student needs to "back up" the dates for high school, i.e., instead of showing they attended ABC High school "08/2010-06/2014", they would indicate "08/2009-06/2014" this allows the SAR to have 8th grade in the drop down box for an academic year.

For classes being taken the Senior year, they need to make sure they include classes for both semesters --- if they are dual enrolling, they need to "project" the classes that they plan to take the Spring semester so we have an accurate reflection of their senior schedule.

Once they think the SAR is complete, they need to review it carefully to make sure it is complete and accurately reflects their academic record. You can view a list of SAR FAQs by visiting <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/sar.html>

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you or any of your students have questions throughout the application cycle this year.

FAMU-TALLAHASSEE

They are having fall previews to go and see the school. Preview schedule online, Sept, Oct.

Nov. 2 scholarship deadline

Focus on STEM

11,800 students

3.0 average GPA

Opportunities:

Environmental research institute now on campus.

School of business-many corporate partners

Nursing program -one of highest pass rates on state exam

Distance learning option for Masters of nursing

6 year accelerated law program in Orlando

Pharmacy program- known worldwide.

UWF: PENSECOLA

50 academic majors

Marine Bio major

STATS:

11,000 applied

5,000 admitted

1,000 enrolled each year

Popular majors: Hospitality, Nursing, Physical therapy

Average GPA: 3.5, 23 ACT, 1523 SAT

31 students average class size

Largest class is 125

95% of classes are profs versus grad students

Will get division 2 football in 2016

Women national champs –soccer last year

Electronically confirm acceptance

NEW: They will use the district GPA and will no longer re-calculate GPA

3.0 higher is generally admitted 2.9 or higher depends on SAT

Presidential scholarships available

Jan 1 scholarship deadline.

Oct. 24 Open House in Miami - on website

Because in the panhandle, it feels like and out of state feel university – southern.

FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY – LAKELAND

New university, class entering 2014=first class

STEM curricula only

20:1 student/faculty ratio

Declare major at end of first year

Digital campus

High tech

32 classrooms and 11 research labs

Robotics and nano research

Classrooms operate from cloud

Virtual access to records, and professors at all times

Tours starting in December
Average SAT 1200, ACT 26,
Online app open now
If apply before Dec. 1, application fee waived, after is \$30, rolling admissions
Feb. 1 is priority deadline and May 1 is last deadline
Looks for techy students
Focus will be on applied research

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) – FT. MEYERS:

Mark Lambupland - Admissions
Sweet 16 basketball team last year
14,000 total students
Entering class = 2800
Housing - 4750 beds in campus
South village is all freshman housing
Apply for housing as soon as complete app for admissions with a \$50 deposit
Can have car and no need to live on campus first year
BA music education popular
There is an Honors College
Gold scholarship is a merit scholarship and if get this, you are invited automatically to participate in Honors College – see website
Solar panel field so high in environmental concerns and sustainability, require sustainability of freshman class
Rolling admissions but Feb 15th is priority deadline BUT merit scholarships deadline is Nov. 15
Accept fee waiver in paper form
Apply online
No difference b/t summer and fall acceptances
NEW: WILL USE DISTRICT GPA, NO LONGER RECALCULATES
Oct. 19 fall Open House – See website

FSU-TALLAHASSEE

Janice Finney – Director of Admissions
New brochure full of info – see website
New student information system available-see website.
CARE APP new, 2 apps necessary, must apply to FSU first and then to CARE. No more paper apps. CARE app needs the FSN number first.
NEW!! FSU will use the district GPA and will no longer re-calculate.
So strength of schedule becomes more important!
They will rescind offers of acceptance for poor senior grades
Averages: 3.9-4.7 GPA, 1730-1900 SAT, 26-30 ACT
FSU superscores *both* SAT and ACT
Deadline is Oct. 16

UNF- JACKSONVILLE

Phillip Simmons - local recruiter
Increased apps and admissions

Changes: redesigned Presidential scholarship, increased the number of awards available and made them more competitive.

Rolling admissions starting now!

20:1 faculty student ratio

58 undergrad degree programs

Computing, engineering are popular

Int.l degree available, 2 years at UNF And 2 in France

Coastal Port Engineering certificate program new

BS in social work and will be license when graduate- limited access

flagships programs: Coastal ecology, Nursing, Logistics, Nutrition, dietetics

No more pool

UNF clubhouse with aquatic facilities and all night dining opening soon

Shuttle goes to mall

Size, location and commitment to undergrad learning experience, unique access to various modes of learning, study abroad.

UCF – ORLANDO

Elizabeth Costello: Admission Director

Annie Shay - regional rep in Miami

60,000 students

40 national merit scholars

College of medicine accredited

50 years old

Freshman class 6200, 2700 summer, rest in fall (300 in spring)

2 new residence halls freshman and other

Greek administrative areas opened

Lead scholars program

Excel stem program

Compass science focus

Honors College

New: optics and photonics BS

New minor in event management,

American Athletic Conference.

Top 10 Knights Program -GPA best indicator,

Averages: 1010 SAT or 21 on ACT, and 3.9 **recalculated GPA**,

Apply Sept-Nov 15 for best admission chances

Students must sign up for portals on website/ apply online

FAU-BOCA RATON

Barbara Pletcher-Admissions

Fully re-accredited

Offer research opportunities in ALL fields not just STEM

Ocean Engineering major popular

Mechanical , civil, electrical, and computer science

Hoot recording studios with own label

Nursing

Per-professional program, doctor, dentist, can shadow doc.

Rolling admissions and first decisions given Oct. 1

Merit scholarships -auto considered when apply

NEW: Will use the district GPA, BUT WILL LOOK MORE AT RIGOR AND GRADES IN COURSES.

Holistic review

SAT and Act must support GPA's

Students can be deferred for more test scores if necessary

They want ALL test scores sent to them

Summer/ spring slightly easier to get in

Online app,

Essay is optional but it's a place to show interest in FAU

Can check status online, admission decision.

FIU – MIAMI

BRETT HARNAGEL – admissions

Payment:

You will be asked to pay the application fee of \$30.00 online using a major credit card (Master Card, American Express, Discover, or Visa) or you may pay the application fee by using a personal check or money order in US dollars. Please be mindful that no application will be considered until the application fee is paid.

Mail payment and supporting documents to:

Florida International University
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
PO Box 659003
Miami, FL 33265-9003

Students that apply by November 1st for Fall 2014 will be automatically considered for merit based scholarships.

Other important things to look at when applying to state universities:

- New GPA / SAT / ACT mid-ranges See matrix
- Admission Notification Policies
- Recalculation of GPA: **Best of**, or **All course work taken**
- Preferred time to apply
- Honors Program Minimum Requirements
- Graduation rate
- Top/Popular Majors for undergraduates