

Annual Report 2007 - 2008

Part 1

Section A

Unit Information

Unit:

Government Relations

Mission Statement:

Government Relations supports the University by fostering relationships with all levels of government to promote our mission and positive reputation. Government Relations provides necessary input to the President and other appropriate individuals to assist with the development of FGCU's State and Federal priorities. Government Relations develops a strategy to accomplish those priorities, which includes maximizing public resources, sustain core funding, continue funding for capital projects and other infrastructure and increase federal funding for research. Government Relations lobbies for State and Federal legislation to further the University's strategic priorities.

Section B

Unit Goals within Last Year's (2006-2007) Report

Strategic Plan Goal

Unit Goal

With which 1 or 2 goals from the 8 current strategic plan goals does your 2007-2008 goal best align?

Goal for 2007-2008

What actions have you taken to achieve this goal?

What measures have you taken towards assessment of this goal?

Describe the progress you have made toward attaining this goal including the anticipated completion date.

Describe how the results of assessments have been used to improve student learning or your department's activities.

Section C

Program or Service Specific Assessments

What program or service specific assessment occurred in the current academic year?

How were the results of the assessment used to improve programs or services?

Section D

Unit Contribution or President's Performance Measures

Please review the [President's Performance Measures for 2007-2008](#). Did your unit contribute to any specific performance goals for the President? (If so, please indicate whether the measure set was attained and to what degree.)

Part 2

Section A

Unit Goals for Coming Year (2008-2009)

Strategic Plan Goal

Unit Goal

With which 1 or 2 goals from the 8 current strategic plan goals does your 2007-2008 goal best align?

Goal for 2008-2009

Goal 1-High quality education

Pass legislation to give FGCU tuition flexibility.

What action(s) will you undertake to achieve the goal?

Work with the President and others to lobby the State and Federal elected officials for adequate funding. In addition, increase their knowledge of FGCU, our accomplishments and demonstrate why the funding is critical to FGCU.

By what means will you assess goal achievement?

The amount of funding provided by the State and Federal levels. The passage of or defeat of critical legislation. Avoid any budget cuts.

How will you know if you have successfully attained each goal?

By reviewing the State budget and Federal funding to determine if our requests were approved. By the increased relationships gained by our department and the President.

How will the results of the above assessments be used to improve student learning or services?

It will increase President and his cabinet's ability to have more flexibility and necessary funding resources to develop a budget to meet the needs of the University.

Strategic Plan Goal

Unit Goal

With which 1 or 2 goals from the 8 current strategic plan goals does your 2007-2008 goal best align?

Goal for 2008-2009

Goal 5-State of the Art Infrastructure

Lobby for PECO, CITF, and matching programs.

What action(s) will you undertake to achieve the goal?

Work with the BOG staff and Legislative staff to gain support for our projects submitted. Work with the House and Senate Appropriations chairs to get the items included in the budget with no further cuts.

By what means will you assess goal achievement?

The amount of funding provided in the budget for FGCU and other universities. Avoid any budget cuts.

How will you know if you have successfully attained each goal?

The amount funded in the final appropriations bill.

How will the results of the above assessments be used to improve student learning or services?

It will provide more classroom and lab space for our students and faculty.

Strategic Plan Goal

Unit Goal

With which 1 or 2 goals from the 8 current strategic plan goals does your 2007-2008 goal best align?

Goal for 2008-2009

Goal 6-Research and Sponsored Programs

Lobby for funding of federal research projects.

What action(s) will you undertake to achieve the goal?

Visit our congressional delegation members and provide them with the necessary information regarding our projects and attain their sponsorship.

By what means will you assess goal achievement?

The number of sponsorships (4) and amount of the earmarks.

How will you know if you have successfully attained each goal?

The final amount approved in the federal budget.

How will the results of the above assessments be used to improve student learning or services?

This will provide FGCU with the necessary funding to produce quality projects and possibly patents in areas of research.

Section B Resources

What additional resources have you requested and received a commitment for during 2008-2009 from your area VP or the President that is based on your analysis of assessment data for 2007-2008?

None

Section C

Assessment Plans

What assessments are you planning to conduct during 2008-2009?

Discuss with the President ways to improve communication, so he and our department can have all the necessary tools and information to accomplish FGCU's goals. Meet with area delegation members to look for suggestions to improve our service and accomplish FGCU's goals.

Section D

Coming Year - Strategic Plan Contributions

Goal 1-High Quality Education- President Bradshaw and I, in cooperation with FAU, UNF, UWF, FAMU, and NC, will work with House and Senate leadership to develop and pass legislation to give all the Florida SUS institutions the ability to increase tuition rates which will enable them to have a steady, reliable and flexible funding source.

Goal 5-State of the art infrastructure-We will provide the Legislature with evidence to support the need to fund construction projects and matching funds programs which will continue to support Florida's economy and encourage private donations to universities.

Goal 6-Research and Sponsored Programs-We will continue to foster relationships with the current and new members of Congress and President in an effort to gain support for research funding. In addition, we will work with staff on all the required documents and presentations necessary to receive continuing or new funding of submitted projects.