

What's New?

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SACS Interim Fifth-Year Report Submitted

As part of the accreditation process managed by the *Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)*, FSU recently submitted its Fifth-Year Interim Report ahead of the March 15 deadline. The report provides narratives and attachments about FSU performance in numerous areas, including faculty and administrative credentials, improvement of educational programs and student learning, physical facilities, curriculum, distance education, compliance with federal and state regulations, and compliance with Commission policy. In addition, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) was included to share the outcomes of FSU's *Making Evidence-Based Decisions (MEBD)*, a series of professional development programs designed to develop analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and written communication skills. SACS is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. For more information, go to: www.uncfosu.edu/sacs

Online Accounting Program Approved

The FSU School of Business and Economics' Department of Accounting, Finance, Healthcare & Information Systems is pleased to announce its new undergraduate Online Degree Completion in Accounting program. Approved by the University of North Carolina General Administration, it will be the first online accounting program offered in the UNC system. In addition, it is one of only a few awarded to AACSB-accredited institutions nationwide. The program is aligned with FSU's strategic priority of being a national leader in providing high quality academic programs, engaging educational experiences, and responsive support services that enable students from diverse backgrounds, community colleges, and those affiliated with the military to earn degrees and certificates, while maintaining its commitment to access and affordability. The program will accept students beginning Fall 2017

FSU Master in Business Administration (MBA) Improves Ranking among US News and World Report Best Business Schools Part-Time Category

According to US News and World Report, many MBA students are part-time and "balance a job and graduate school." Using this category, FSU's MBA program ranking has moved up to #143 in 2017 from #202 in 2016. FSU is now fourth in the UNC system (UNC Charlotte #42, NC State #53, and UNC Greensboro #122). Only two other North Carolina universities were in the top 150 (Wake Forest #13 and Elon #75). This ranking category is only for AACSB-accredited schools with more than 20 part-time students. There were 300 schools in the selection pool.

FSU Fall 2016 Nursing Graduates Post 93% Pass Rate on NCLEX Exam

Fayetteville State University's fall 2016 graduates of the pre-licensure nursing program have collectively earned a 93% pass rate on the *National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)*, the test required for entry into the nursing profession. The 93% pass rate represents 25 of the 27 students who recently took the exam and passed on the first attempt. Since 2011, the FSU pass rate has ranged between 90% and 100%, well above the North Carolina average of 81%.

Sign Up for Student Financial Liaison Certification Program

...Become certified to assist students with understanding how to address increasingly complex financial obligations.

If interested, register today to become a certified Student Financial Liaison. A workshop hosted by the Office of Financial Aid and Office of Student Accounts will be held Saturday, April 20, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Science & Technology Building, Rooms 237 and 238. Participants will be paid a \$100 stipend upon successfully completing both the workshop and assessment. To register, go to: <http://financial-liason-cert-4-29-17.eventzilla.net/> or contact Mrs. Kamesia House, ext. 1712.

Kudos! Faculty

Dr. Sambit Bhattacharya, associate professor of computer science at FSU, has been selected by Google to participate in its inaugural faculty sabbatical program this summer in Mountain View, California. The program is for faculty to gain insight into Google's engineering culture by working with software engineers and developers and explore changing technologies. The intent is to leverage and modify computer science curricula and pedagogy, and co-create innovative ideas with faculty peers. This sabbatical has been made possible by the Google/United Negro College Fund Career Pathways Initiative of which Fayetteville State University is involved.

Dr. Nicole McFarlane, assistant professor of rhetoric and composition in the FSU English department, has been named a *2017 ELEVATE (Enriching Learning, Enhancing Visibility & Training Educators) Fellow* through the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Minority Serving Institutions. McFarlane is one of 18 fellows selected nationwide and is one of only eight Presidential Fellows.

Financial Literacy Week: April 3 - 7

The Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid hosts its annual Financial Literacy Week. Students will be educated about debt management by the Navy Federal Credit Union, building credit by the State Employees Credit Union, and counseled on the exit loan process by FSU Financial Aid staff. The week concludes with a fun "finale" event on April 7th. For more information, contact finaid@uncsu.edu, call 910/672-1325, or visit Lily Building 1st Floor.

Admissions Spring Campus Visits & Tours Increase: *Show Campus-Wide Hospitality*

During the next eight weeks, the Office of Admissions will welcome several tour groups of prospective students and families to the campus on a daily basis. Approximately 2,500 guests are expected to visit FSU. These tour groups are coming from various states including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Washington DC, and Orlando (FL) in addition to locations within North Carolina and neighboring states. Please join Admissions by extending your warm hospitality, courteous support, and any assistance needed should you interact with our guests. We want them to leave Fayetteville State University excited about the possibility of joining the FSU family, as well as share with others the good news of the BRONCO way!

2017 Excellence in Teaching Conference at FSU on April 21: *C.O.N.N.E.C.T. (Celebration of New Networks and Emerging Concepts in Teaching)*

The FSU School of Education will host its annual *Excellence in Teaching Conference*, including workshops and the Wynton H. Hadley Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 21, 2017, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm, in the Capel Arena of the Health and Physical Education Building on the FSU campus. The registration deadline is April 7th. For more information or to register, call 910/672-1265 or 672-2018.

FSU Institutional Research Staff Present at Statewide Conference: Carolyn Ortiz and Amaka Umerah recently presented a session on "Creating Interactive Charts with High Charts Editor" at the North Carolina Association for Institutional Research (NCAIR) Annual Conference held in Durham.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 23:** FSU Board of Trustees Meeting
- **March 25:** Spring Open House @ FSU (*Hosted by Admissions*)
- **March 29:** Career Services – Spring 2017 Career and Graduate School Fair, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- **April 3-7:** Financial Literacy Week hosted by Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid
- **April 10:** Pre-Registration for Fall 2017 and Summer School 2017 begins
- **April 20:** Founders Day, 2:00 pm, Seabrook Auditorium
- **May 13:** Spring Commencement 2017
- **May 16:** Academic Affairs Year-End Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Student Center