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Academic Affairs: Priorities and Accomplishments: 2017-18

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FACULTY GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- Total external funding expenditures for 2017-18: $4.2M
- Awards for 2017-18: $4.8M
- Funds invested in research in 2017-18: $287K

2017-2018
Numbers at a Glance

15% Increase in student use of the Debbie Nye Sembler Student Success Center since 2016/2017

1st in Florida – Online MBA for Veterans

30 Students who studied abroad in France and Spain in summer 2018

20% Increase in online student credit hours generated since 2015/2016

40 Kilowatt solar array providing 15% of the power in new biology and chemistry labs

41 Online courses with Quality Matters certification

400 New computers across campus for faculty, staff, and student use

$500k From the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to launch the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Center in KTCOB

$419k In savings for students as a result of the library’s Textbook Affordability initiatives from fall 2017 – fall 2018

$2.3m In additional state funding for 2018-2019

$4.8m In research funding

Priorities and Accomplishments
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
MISSION
The University of South Florida St. Petersburg blends a small campus experience with large university opportunities. In this environment, the USFSP Division of Academic Affairs supports the transformative power of education, scholarship, research, and critical and creative thinking. Academic Affairs champions students and prepares them to be citizen scholars who are able to thrive in an ever-changing world.

VISION
Distinction in student success, research, creativity, and innovation.

MESSAGE FROM DR. OLUFUNKE A. FONTENOT, INTERIM REGIONAL VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
The Office of Academic Affairs at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg is comprised of the following units:
- College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
- Kate Tiedemann College of Business (KTCOB)
- College of Education (COE)
- Nelson Poynter Memorial Library (NPML)
- The Honors Program
- Campus Computing
- Graduate Studies
- Academic Advising
- Institutional Research
- Institutional Effectiveness
- Quality Enhancement Plan
- Registrar
- Research
- Global Initiatives
- Student Success Center
- The Center for Civic Engagement
- The Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership

Together, these offices and their leaders help advance USFSP’s mission and strategic goals in a student-centered environment.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND CULTURE
- The Office of Global Initiatives finalized summer faculty-led program enrollments. High interest in language programs in Spain and in France resulted in enrollment records with 15 students committed to each program for summer 2018.
- Utilization of the Debbie Nye Sembali Student Success Center increased by 15 percent.
- Making textbooks more affordable for USFSP students is a multi-faceted project for NPML, saving students at least $419,500 from fall 2017 to fall 2018.
- To facilitate timely degree completion, the Registrar revamped the entire class schedule array for fall 2019 implementation.
- The Quality Enhancement Plan tripled student success rates in College Algebra and increased them substantially in Introductory Statistics and Finite Mathematics.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH
- The Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) and Online Learning and Instructional Services (OLITS) held the third annual Bay-to-Bay Learning Symposium. More than 100 faculty and staff members from USFSP, USFSM, USF Health, and St. Petersburg College attended the event. The symposium focused on critical thinking as a skill to be developed and infused in discipline-based courses.
- Throughout the year, CITL offered pedagogical workshops grounded in best practice. The highlight was CITL’s Week of Teaching, during which 28 participants attended sessions on critical thinking, student engagement, experiential learning, active learning, and more.

INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS
- New state-of-the-art biology and chemistry labs opened. A 46-kilowatt solar array opened 15 percent of their power.
- Campus Computing added more than 400 new computer stations and peripherals.
- COE held a grand opening for the newly constructed STEM Makerspace/Robotics/Immersive Lab in Coquina Hall October 2018.
- The USF Board of Trustees approved new Bachelor’s degrees in Computational and Applied Mathematics and Sustainability Studies. A program in Environmental Chemistry is slated to start in fall 2019.
- The Office of Institutional Research completed testing of DIVER, the new USFSP data warehouse, and rolled out seven dashboards for internal use by the university.

SACSOC ACCREDITATION
The Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment office with the support of the Interim Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee successfully submitted to our regional accreditor, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSOC), the Referral Report requested in response to the previously submitted USFSP 5th Year Interim Report.

HIGHLIGHTS
DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY
- COE is in the Florida Department of Education’s Top Five Highest Performers in four categories among all four-year state-funded colleges and universities.
- KTCOB was accredited by AACSB International in 2018 for both business and accounting, a double distinction held by only 1% of business schools globally.
- The KTCOB MBA is ranked 3rd in Florida in 2018 and is ranked 1st in the state for its Online MBA for Veterans.
- Based in CAS, La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas, an interactive and user-friendly website, launched on March 15, 2018. It captures Spanish Florida history, enabling users to search the database and filter results by factors such as expediency, country of origin, occupation, gender, and more.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- Thanks to a $500,000 gift from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, KTCOB launched the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Center.
- The Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership continued building a partnership with Community Tampa Bay (CTB), a non-profit whose mission is to “see the world free of all forms of discrimination.” Eight USFSP students served at CTB’s ANYTOWN program in Summer 2018.
- Students and researchers continue to benefit from NPML’s partnership with The Weekly Challenger (TWC), a local African-American newspaper. Items from the TWC have been downloaded 2,837 times from 66 different countries. Past print issues of the paper were digitized and uploaded to Digital USFSP while born-digital versions of current issues continue to be archived.

Twenty USFSP students representing all three colleges participated in Ex Labs Boot Camp from March 12-16 for a competitive alternative to spring break in which they were exposed to new careers in technology and experiential problem-solving in partnership with locally-based firm Tech Data.

The Center for Civic Engagement identified 38 Citizen Scholar courses for the spring 2018 semester, and, for the first time, these courses were coded as such in OASIS, the student registration portal.
- In CAS, the Department of Journalism and Digital Communication has been involved with journalism efforts at local K-12 schools with its presence on the board of Pinellas County Public Schools’ Journeys in Journalism magnet program.
- COE hosted its first STEM Robotics Summer Camp in June 2018, with 59 campers from 5th through 8th grade participating in a two-week, highly collaborative environment.

The Academic Advising Center received the highest marks in the System from students who completed the 2016/2017 Graduating Senior Survey. USFSP students rated highly their access to advisors, quality of academic advising services, and the time advisors are willing to spend with students. USFSP students also gave high marks to advisors for encouraging them to explore campus resources related to career options and their majors.