OUTREACH

Congressman Deutch, Congresswoman Frankel and FAU Researchers Discuss Sequestration and its Impact on Funding for the National Institutes of Health

On Friday, June 7, 2013, FAU’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine hosted Congressman Deutch, Congresswoman Frankel, members of the University community and our regional research partners for a roundtable discussion and press conference about the potential impact of sequestration on research funded by the National Institutes of Health. The event happened as a result of Congressman Deutch’s interest in a recent op-ed written by FAU faculty that highlighted the importance of this vital research funding. Among the event’s attendees were Dean David Bjorkman (Medicine), Dr. John Newcomer (Medicine), Dr. Ruth Tappen (Nursing), Vice President Barry Rosson (Research), Dr. Richard Houghten (President and Founder of Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Science), and Dr. John Cleveland (Chair of Scripps Research Institute Department of Cancer Research).

GOING FORWARD

Visitors Coming to FAU

In the coming weeks the Office of University Relations will be hosting a number of elected officials, professional staff, and community leaders on our campuses. On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the Mayor of West Palm Beach, Jeri Muoio, will be touring FAU’s Boca campus. In addition, on Friday June 21, 2013, Congresswoman Lois Frankel will also be visiting the Boca campus for a tour. Finally, on Monday, June 24, 2013, the organizers of Start Up West Palm Beach as well as West Palm City officials will be touring FAU’s Research Park to discuss their upcoming event and further partnership opportunities.

Aide Appreciation Luncheon

On Thursday, June 27, 2013, the Office of University Relations is hosting a Legislative Aide Appreciation Luncheon. The event will serve as an opportunity to thank these critically important staff members for their support and efforts on behalf of FAU. In addition, we plan to use the luncheon as an opportunity to further educate these individuals about the exciting things happening in and around our campuses.

Dr. Rosson, Dr. Newcomer, Rep. Deutch, Rep. Frankel, Dr. Houghten, Dr. Cleveland, Dr. Bjorkman, Dr. Tappen

-Op-ed: Sustain the Investment in America’s Health

Congressman Alcee Hastings’ Staff Tours the Boca Campus

On Friday, June 07, 2013, Lale Mamaux (Chief of Staff) and Christian Sy (Policy Director) from Congressman Alcee Hastings’ Washington, D.C. office visited the
Boca campus for a tour and to receive a briefing on several topics that are of interest to the Congressman and his district. During their visit, Lale and Christian heard from several individuals, including Sue Skemp (FAU's ocean energy project), Dr. Margaret Leinen (Aquaculture at Harbor Branch), Dean David Bjorkman (FAU's College of Medicine and graduate medical education program), Dr. Jeff Anderson (University research and the Interact program), and Dr. Dale Gawlik (Everglades research).

Touchdown Thursdays
Throughout the month of May, Florida Atlantic University Athletics, in conjunction with FAU's Alumni Association, hosted a series of Touchdown Thursday events with FAU Head Coach Carl Pelini. Each of the meetings were well attended, with Palm Beach County Commissioner Hal Valeche attending the Jupiter event and Coconut Creek Mayor Becky Tooley attending the Coconut Creek Thursday. Touchdown Thursdays began in the summer of 2012 as a way for Owls fans to meet Pelini. The event also serves as an opportunity to hear the latest news as the Owls begin their transition to Conference USA.

University Relations Meets with Colleges and Campuses
In an ongoing effort to improve communications with our internal stakeholders, the Office of University Relations is visiting with all of the University's colleges and campuses. The meetings serve as an opportunity to inform people of our role within the University and to ascertain how we can best be of service to each college or campus. We have already met with a handful of the colleges and we will be continuing these meetings over the coming weeks and months. If you would like to meet with the Office of University Relations or have questions regarding a specific subject area please be sure to contact our office (universityrelations@fau.edu).

2013 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Governor Scott Everglades Restoration Bill Signing at FAU's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center
On Tuesday, May 28, FAU's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center was pleased to host Governor Rick Scott as he held a press conference and ceremony for the signing of HB 7065. The event was attended by a number of individuals from FAU, including President Crudele, Trustee Stilley, College of Education Assistant Dean Joel Herbst, Director of the Pine Jog Center Ray Coleman, and Pine Jog Board Members Michael Davis, Chuck Shaw, and Chair Bob Bentz. In addition, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard, officials from the South Florida Water Management District, and several Members of the Florida Legislature, including Senators Negron and Simpson and Representative Magar, also were among the many stakeholders in attendance. The legislation
Governor Scott Visits Acting President Crudele and Chair Barbar
In addition to Governor Scott’s visit to Pine Jog, on Monday, June 3, 2013, the Governor visited FAU’s Boca campus to meet with Acting President Dennis Crudele and Board of Trustees Chair Anthony Barbar. Governor Scott’s second visit was part of a series of meetings that he is conducting with leadership of the state’s public universities to urge the institutions not to raise tuition.
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