

MINUTES
Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting
February 26, 2025

Members Present: Joe O'Shea, Enrique Alvarez, Laura Bell, Carol Edwards, Henry Fuelberg, Patrick Hollis, Daniel Mears, Irena Hutton, Britain Riley, Steven Palazzo, Brian Parker, Teresa Roach, Besiki Stvilia, Xinlin Tang, Lisa Tripp, Yanyun Yang and Henry Zhang

Members Absent: Tenley Bick, Jane Piper Clendinning, Elizabeth Foster, Gregory Harris, Lydia Hanks, Lisa Munson, and James Sickinger

Others Attending: Allison Peters, Danielle Porter, Nikki Raimondi, Courtney Barry, and Christina Pater

I. Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2025

The minutes from February 12 were approved.

III. New Business:

1. **Update from Undergraduate Studies**

We are very pleased with our record-setting fall to spring retention rate of 99%. The graduation rate projections appear on track. Admissions received over 80,000 applications. In-state acceptance rates are higher than out-of-state acceptance rates. Honors made 3000+ offers. Presidential Scholars made 600+ semi-finalist offers and 60 will be chosen among that group of semi-finalists. Also, FSU Next Program is a new first-year admission pilot. Possibly 1100 students will be admitted into the FSU Next Program. CARE has record enrollment and expanded offers to every new first-generation college student and Pell-Grant eligible student. The Center for the Advancement of Teaching will have a new record of nearly 500 Learning Assistants assisting students in difficult courses.

2. **3-Year Review of Engage 100 Mandatory Enrollment Pilot**

Dr. Allison Peters presented the three-year review of the pilot program mandating Engage 100 enrollment for all Undergraduate Studies FTIC students (excluding students in direct admission programs, student-athletes, and FSA/FYA). Engage 100 is the largest program focused on the college transition at FSU and is a central component of FSU's student retention and student engagement strategy. Engage 100 courses help students acclimate to university life, explore their interests, develop plans for academic and co-curricular involvement, and meet other students with similar interests.

The pilot program was approved by UPC and Faculty Senate and launched in Summer/Fall 2022. During the pilot, Engage 100 enrollment almost reached the 100% mark. 99.3% (n=5044) of students subject to the Engage 100 mandate enrolled in an Engage 100 course in Summer/Fall 2024. 90.8% of all Tallahassee campus FTIC students (excluding FSA/FYA) enrolled in an Engage 100 course in Summer/Fall 2024. All FTIC cohort students enrolled at the Panama City, FL campus in an Engage 100 in Fall 2024.

FTIC student retention is a priority for the Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System of Florida. During the three-year pilot mandating FTIC enrollment in Engage 100 courses, FSU has experienced new record retention rates, and the percentage of students enrolled in Engage 100 has almost reached the 100% goal.

The UPC Membership unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the proposed requirement that every incoming first-time-in-college (FTIC) student entering the Division of Undergraduate Studies must enroll in an Engage 100 course.

3. Spring 2025 UPC Activities/Updates

Dr. Mears shared there will not be a meeting on March 5. The committee will convene on March 26.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.