Dear Campus Community,

One of the first things I noticed when coming to ESF was the difficulty that some of our first-year students have adapting to college life and the pace of information transfer in our STEM curriculum. Many universities have addressed similar issues on their campuses through a range of measures. Thus, in consultation with ESF Academic Governance, in January, 2019, I established a task force focused on enhancing the new-student experience.

The task force, comprised of students, staff, faculty and administration, was charged with looking at the present first-year experience and coming up with an action plan to improve student retention, satisfaction, and success. Click HERE to read the original charge.

Through the hard work of the task force, a compliment of 28 recommendations have been advanced for consideration in the “First Year Experience Task Force Executive Summary, Spring 2019” report. You can access the report via this link or via my landing page.

As you’ll see by the report, the task force submitted their findings and recommendations based on cost, impact and time. This fall we began to implement some of these recommendations. We still have more work to do, but we are dedicated to realizing the hard work of this task force to improve student success and student satisfaction with their ESF experience.

A well-deserved thank you to the task force (listed below) for the time and energy devoted to producing these findings and recommendations. Thank you to Amelia Hoffman and Neal Abrams for co-chairing the task force.

Task force members include:

Neal Abrams, Co-chair
Nasri Abdul-Aziz
Eileen Baldassarre
Malika Carter
Erin Craig
Janine DeBaise
Melissa Fierke
Amelia Hoffman, Co-chair
I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

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