

**2006-2007 Unit Action Plan**  
***Division of Academic Affairs***

**University College**

**Significant Areas of Success in 2005-6 (asterisked items indicate initiatives from the 2004-5 planning exercise):**

***Pillar I: Create a Learning-Centered University***

- Developmental Programs initiated the CareerQuest living-learning community for undecided students and Career Exploration learning communities for Fall 2006\*
- Developmental Programs added 4 sections of UNIV 101 for increased number of General Studies students in Fall 2005\*
- Honors Program obtained UCC and Senate approval for classes to prepare students campus-wide for law school, grad school and nationally competitive scholarships\*
- FSUS Coordinator implemented a best practices mini-conference to help train new instructors and inform veteran instructors\*
- Academic Support Center sponsored the first annual Academic Success Fair to expose 600 first-year students to the wide array of support services available at Ferris\*
- The SLA Apprentice Facilitator program has been successfully implemented.

***Pillar II: Work Together***

- Educational Counselors and college representatives completed academic advising research and preliminary recommendations to improve academic advising at Ferris State University\*
- University College accepted responsibility for international student advising, hired a professional to fill that role beginning in Winter 2006, and completed transition by mid-semester
- SCHOLAR Program Bulldog Prevention Week and Midnight Madness programs engaged students in appropriate seminars and activities\*
- Educational Counselors worked with students and faculty from TDMP and TCOM to produce a Career Pathways DVD for distribution to 5,000 high school and middle school counselors, teachers, and students\*
- Academic Support Center sponsored the first annual Academic Success Fair and exposed more than 600 first-year students to the wide array of support services available at Ferris\*
- Educational Counselors continued to coordinate and offer significant outreach efforts to provide career decision-making information and techniques to educators and students in secondary and middle schools across the state.\*
- SCHOLAR staff provided leadership and support for the expanded MLK week of activities
- Developmental Programs initiated the CareerQuest living-learning community in collaboration with Housing, Educational Counseling, Advancement and Marketing, and Enrollment Services\*

### ***Pillar III: Become an Engaged Campus***

- SCHOLAR Program Bulldog Prevention Week and Midnight Madness programs
- University College Dean is providing administrative coordination for the Political Engagement Program of the American Democracy Project for 2006-2009
- Honors Program students completed 15,000 hours of service to the campus and community highlighted by contributions to Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the Make a Wish Foundation and through several Alternative Spring Break activities
- SCHOLAR staff provided leadership and support for the expanded MLK week of activities
- FSUS developed and initiated recognition for Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate with support from the Division of Academic Affairs.

### **Ongoing or Proposed Significant Activities:**

- Developmental Programs department will fully implement the CareerQuest *living-learning community* in Fall 2006 for 20-24 students.
- Developmental Programs department will enroll an additional 60-100 Career Exploration students in a CareerQuest *learning community* in Fall 2006. The total number should increase CARE enrollments by 30-40.
- Educational and Career Counseling department will complete staffing appointments in the ECCC to provide a full array of services for educational and career counseling services.
- Educational Counselors will provide leadership for continuing work to improve academic advising at Ferris State University
- The Dean of University College will be engaged in a leadership role with the Carnegie Foundation Political Engagement Project in Academic Affairs
- The International Student Advisor will develop programming to support F-1 and J-1 students at Ferris State University
- The FSUS Coordinator will work with seminar instructors to identify a common theme element for Fall 2006
- The SCHOLAR Program will introduce mentors to training and certification opportunities at regional and national conferences
- The Honors Program will initiate the development of "honors" articulation agreements with selected community colleges in Michigan