

College of Law Comprehensive Report

**FAMU Board of Trustees
Special Committee on the College of Law
February 2023**



Update on the Comprehensive Report on the College of Law

- **Executive Summary**
- **Implementation Status and Next Steps**

Comprehensive Report Update: Executive Summary



| Recommendations | Progress Since June 2022 |
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| <p>Recruit and retain students in line with our important mission whose incoming credentials demonstrate that we can support them to success on the bar and in the profession.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The College seated a very strong incoming cohort in Fall 2022 by providing scholarships to 59 students, totaling over \$500,000 - The College retained all but 4 high performing students (defined as those with GPAs ≥ 3.0 at the end of their foundational curriculum) by providing nearly \$400,000 in retention scholarships - The College visited several HBCUs, participated in the 9th Annual HBCU Prelaw Summit, and executed the first open house targeting FAMU undergraduates - The College is considering the feasibility of pipeline strategies that would allow us to reach students in middle school and high school |
| <p>Stabilize the College’s staff, infrastructure, and facilities to consistently provide students with the wrap-around support they need to thrive.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The College has made 10 student-facing hires - The College has acquired and deployed a Venom shuttle and upgraded its security infrastructure - The College is now providing teaching assistants in all first-year doctrinal courses (as well as teaching assistants in LRW and IAS) - The College is providing intensive advising to all students who have a 2.7 GPA or lower at the conclusion of their foundational curriculum |

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| <p>Provide the faculty with the development and resources they need to align both curriculum and pedagogy with best practices in student success and to adapt to changing circumstances.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The College is in the process of searching for 7 faculty hires - The College has rolled out “Colleague Conversations” to provide opportunities for the faculty to present on pedagogy and research - The College rolled out a Canvas platform to keep the faculty up-to-date on Next Gen Bar developments - The College deployed LSSSE for the first time since 2018 - The College is working with University personnel to optimize the course evaluation process |
| <p>Maximize the College’s fundraising capabilities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The College hosted a total of 21 events celebrating its 20th Anniversary - The College is in the process of choosing a vendor for its next marketing campaign |

Incoming Fall 2023 Cohort:

- As of February 7:
 - 129 admitted students for the entering Fall 2023 cohort
 - the admitted cohort has a median LSAT of 153 and a median UGPA of 3.6
- Next steps:
 - complete quantitative and qualitative data analyses to develop robust admissions profile
 - continue to marshal resources to aid students in line with the market

- The College has made 10 student-facing hires in especially urgent areas including the library, career services, and IT
- Next steps:
 - the College needs to make hires in key areas including Admissions, Student Services, and Faculty Support
 - further enhance processes aimed at prompt disbursement of financial aid
 - continue work to improve operational processes to ensure efficiency
 - continue to assess and address staff development needs

- The College hired two Assistant Professors (multiple doctrinal areas) in Fall 2022
- The College is looking to hire 7 faculty members to start in Fall 2023
- Next steps:
 - complete hiring process for faculty members starting in Fall 2023
 - continue to roll out “Colleague Conversations,” including one specifically focused on the NextGen bar
 - complete assessment of ASBP program structure and implement restructuring

Implementation Status: Maximizing Fundraising Capabilities

Nov. 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2022: \$650,000.00 Raised





Next Steps

- History Book Distribution
- COL Alumni Regional Events
- Undergrad Attorney Engagement



Next Steps

- Data-driven Marketing Initiative
- Leverage New Partnerships
- Broaden Dean's Advisory Council Role



Questions?



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Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the only African American historically state supported educational facility for In 1890, Americans in Florida. It has always been co-educational. school to become the Black Land Grant College for the State of Florida. west of the second Morrill Act was passed. This enabled the site of FAMU to be moved from its original location