

USFSP NAMES PERFORMANCE FUNDING CHAMPIONS

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“BOG Performance Funding dollars are allocated based on how well we meet a set of 10 metrics,” said Sophia Wisniewska, regional chancellor of USFSP. “These metrics were developed to ensure that our state universities are graduating students in six years or less, and that our graduates are prepared to secure jobs that are in high demand in Florida.

The champions will lead new and existing initiatives to help ensure USFSP meets the follow 10 metrics:

1. Percent of Bachelor’s Graduates Enrolled or Employed in the U.S. One Year After Graduation (Patti Helton)
2. Median Wages of Bachelor’s Graduates Employed Full-Time One Year After Graduation (Patti Helton)
3. Net Cost per Degree for Resident Undergraduates in 120-Hour Program (David Everingham)
4. Six-year FTIC Graduation Rate (Full- and Part-time) (Shari Schwartz, Andrew Konapelsky, Susan Toler and Gary Patterson)
5. Academic Progress Rate (2nd Year Retention with GPA above 2.0) (Cyndie Collins and Jake Diaz)
6. Bachelor’s Degrees Within Programs of Strategic Emphasis (Susan Toler, Gary Patterson and Donna Knudsen)
7. University Access Rate (Percent of Undergraduates with a Pell Grant) (data collection only)
8. Graduate Degrees within Programs of Strategic Emphasis (Donna Knudsen)
9. Percent of Bachelor Degrees Without Excess Hours (FL BOG Choice Metric) (Cyndie Collins)
10. Number of Postdoctoral Appointees (USF System BOT Choice Metric) (data collection only)



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