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back!



August 2026

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SPAS Meeting Agenda



Welcome Back!



- School Updates
- Policy Updates
- Academic Committee Updates
- Schedule – Aug & Sept Key Dates



SPAS Updates – Welcome Back!

New Faculty



Dr. Mike Fritz
– Lee – A&P



Professor Katherine Jordon
– Collier – Math



Professor Brendon White
– Charlotte – Math

New(ish) Email

SPAS@fsw.edu

When students need to get in touch with our office, please have them start with this email!

New(ish) Advisor

Mandy Niemiec

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SPAS Updates – Our Goals

AY 2026-2027

- Exploring How We Schedule Modalities
- Revisiting Procedures
- Supporting Student Activities and Organizations
- Assessment of our AS Degree (CLO/PLO Mappings!)
- No Natural Disasters??



SPAS Updates – Folders

Folder Fliers

Thoughts for feedback over the next few months. . .

- Modality challenges
- How do we grade the process vs the product?
- Getting students to engage in productive struggle
- FSW Compass – student honor code
- AI Fellows
- Refocus COBPs on pedagogical topics
- Internal SPAS Steering Committees? Assessment, BOA, others?



SPAS Updates – Fall 2026!



- Getting the Year Started (More from your Department Chairs)
 - Course Syllabi – Should already be complete – changes ASAP to Dept Chairs
 - Office Hours Memos – Friday to Dean
 - Canvas Publish Dates – Will auto publish Monday
 - Welcome Back Events – first few days of classes – help anyone looking lost!
 - Attendance Verification – Sept 15th – Full, A, and Express – Remind all to complete quiz
- Office Hours
 - Include a direct link to virtual office zoom room
 - Must be in syllabus & on Canvas Homepage
 - Minimum of 30 min increments
 - At least 10 min to get to class!

Teaching	Total Office Hours	Minimum On Campus	On Line
Full load is online*	10 hours	0 hours	10 hours
All others	10 hours	4 hours	6 hours



SPAS Updates – BibliU – See Flier



- Inclusive Access vs Print
 - All SPAS courses that require material are inclusive access
 - OER courses all excluded – continue to provide through Canvas
- Three types of Inclusive Access
 - ebook: Retrieved in BibliU library - material will be accessed through BibliU/course materials link in Canvas
 - Courseware with Access Codes: Retrieved in BibliU library, redeemed on publisher site - Codes will be accessed through BibliU/course materials link in Canvas
 - Courseware with LTI/Deep integrated Courseware: Material will be accessed via a direct link to the publisher in the Canvas Course



Modalities

TERMS

1 – Full

E – Express

A – Compact A

B – Compact B

D – Other

Ex. Section Number	Campus
101	Lee Campus
201	Collier Campus
301	Charlotte Campus
701	Hendry/Glades Campus
801	Online (no class meetings)
901	Live Online (Zoom)

F – Flex

B – Blended

K – Linked

H – Honors

For example, Section 101 is a traditional class meeting on Lee Campus, Section 901 is a Live Online Class meeting in Zoom, Section 30B is a Blended class with a ground component meeting on Charlotte campus, Section 90B is a Blended course meeting online, and Section 70F is a Flex course with the instructor at Hendry Glades, but a class that students can attend in person or via Zoom.

Instructional Method	Description	Location
FSW Online 	In an FSW Online course all of your instruction and coursework occurs through Canvas, and you are not required to attend any scheduled class meetings. Instructors may offer optional synchronous meetings, but not require them. Honorlock or “Alternate Testing Location”	Online Only
FSW Live Online 	FSW Live Online courses are a special version of an online course where instruction occurs via Zoom during a regularly scheduled time. Honorlock or “Alternate Testing Location”	Online Only
FSW Blended Online 	In an FSW Blended Online course you will meet in a virtual Zoom classroom for some class meetings and also be required to complete coursework delivered online through Canvas. You do not have to come to campus. Honorlock or “Alternate Testing Location”	Online Only
FSW Blended On Campus 	In an FSW Blended On Campus course your professor will mix required on campus class meetings with online coursework. The online portion of the course may be live in a virtual Zoom classroom or all asynchronous in Canvas. Testing Center for Make-up Exams and Adaptive Services or Honorlock	A mix of both
FSW Traditional 	In an FSW Traditional course you will be expected to meet on an FSW campus on a regular weekly schedule. Testing Center for Make-up Exams and Adaptive Services or Honorlock	On Campus Only
FSW Live Flex 	In an FSW Live Flex course, you choose how you attend each class. You can opt to come to campus for every class, join virtually by Zoom every class, or a mix that fits your needs. The class will always meet together at regularly scheduled times, but some classmates will be attending virtually. Honorlock or “Alternate Testing Location”	A mix of both



SPAS Updates – Other updates!



- SPAS Webpage and STEM@FSW (new) <https://www.fsw.edu/stemfsw>
 - Let us know what you would like to see there!
 - Other Markeing Ideas? Let us know (and be sure to get a mug and hat!)
- Added SAT Scores for MAC1105 (note for MAT1033 students!!)
 - Students can bypass testing from just MAc1105 with SAT/ACT scores – but we still encourage all to test to see if they can move higher!
- Honorlock
 - Honorlock is replacing the 360-degree room scan with a Workspace Scan 1 Sep – FSW is grandfathered into the Room Scan until after the Fall 2026 semester.
- Update your personal info with HR/Andy!
 - And send positive thought into the universe for no natural disasters this year!
 - Zoom phone options



SPAS Updates – Other updates!



- Master Shell Updates
 - Have courses coming up for 5-year review
 - Stipend for ADA updates to previously approved master shells approved
- Spring Textbook Adoptions
 - Usually there are no changes from fall to spring, but let your department chairs know today if you think there will be changes. Fall 2027 changes have time!
 - **We will need to confirm adoptions by the next Department Meeting - Sept 11th**
- Spring 2027 Schedules – Gus and I are already working
 - I will send you all a draft schedule - please carefully consider courses and modalities
 - After we get feedback, we will enter schedules into Banner for optimizer to confirm times and rooms (Mid-September!)
 - We are working hard to stick to the common start times!

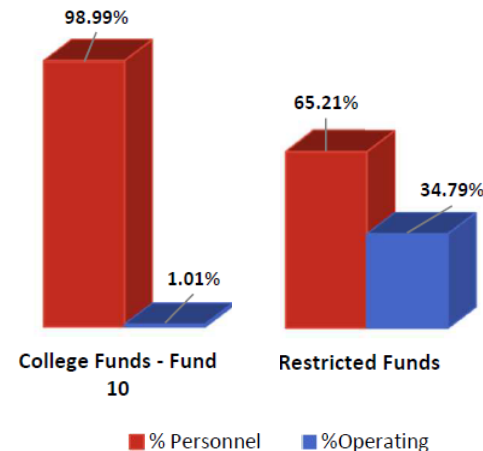
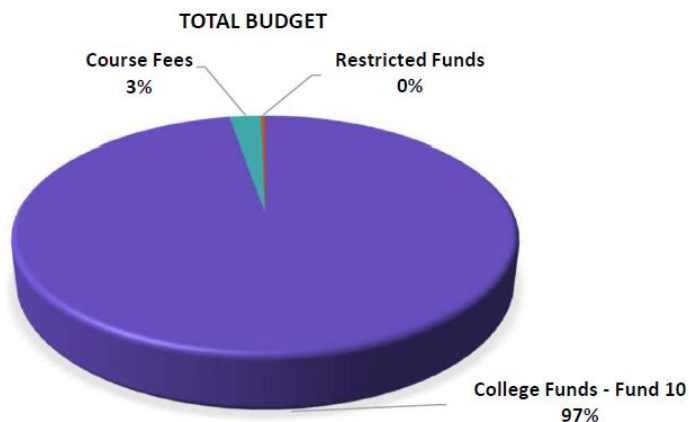


SPAS Updates – Budget!

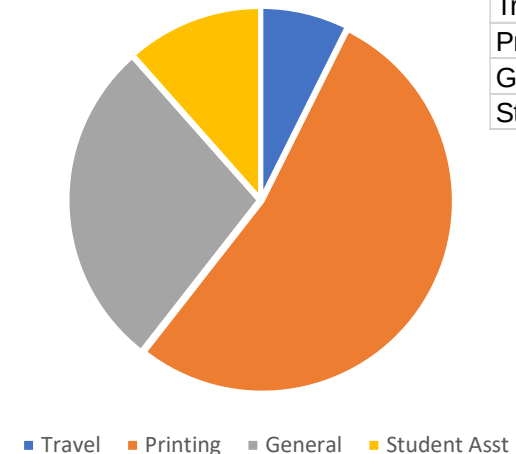


• Budget News

- Collier - E/F construction well underway – hope back in by spring 2027!
- Lee - L Building construction ongoing – Fall 2027
- Charlotte – E and G building funded for renovation – no start date yet!
- Labs based on fees – so all is good! Admin budgets very tight. Limited travel and research funds



FY 25-26 Expenditures



Travel	7%
Printing	53%
General	28%
Student Asst	12%

Fall 2023 - Full Term

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Nothing for the next week

Policy Updates



International Education Updates

- Work in partnership with academic leadership and faculty across disciplines to plan study abroad programs that help shape students' future professional and personal goals.
- AY 2028 proposals due Jan. 29th, 2027. Contact Michael Messina
- 2026 programs included education in Italy, Spain, global health in Costa Rica, Capstone in Iceland, and Literature/Music in the United Kingdom.
- 2027 programs will include STEM in Costa Rica, education in Italy, Capstone in Sicily, and Literature/Photography in the United Kingdom.
- New partnership with the Technical University of Berlin focusing on entrepreneurship, computer science, and design.

From VP Offices

CURRICULUM

A website for your Curriculum needs:

- www.fsw.edu/curriculum
- Forms & Other Info available

Curriculum Open Session

- 9 AM Thursday, August 20, 2026

DEADLINE for New Program proposals

- 11 November 2025
- PLO's needed for all AS degrees!

Policy
Updates



From VP Offices

HR Reminders

403B Options – FSW offers matching contributions

New AFLAC options – Open enrollment from today to
September 15th

Regular Enrollment Window will open October 12th

Policy Updates



From VP Offices

Duty Day Activities

HonorLock Sessions

- Setting Up Your Exam – multiple times
- Reviewing Student Exams – multiple times
- FSW Online 'Drop-In' Hours – multiple times
- What {New} Tech Is Available at FSW? Wed 19th Aug at 1pm

Media Ready: What to Say and How to Protect Your Message

Aug 18, 2026, 09:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Join Christine Bellport, FSW's new Managing Director of Communications and External Affairs, for an engaging session on how faculty and staff can feel more confident, prepared, and empowered when working with the media.

Policy Updates



From VP Offices

Welcome
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Events
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Students



Policy Updates



From VP Offices

Fall Faculty Symposium

Session One

**Be CREATIVE: The Future of
the Human in Learning**

August 28, 2026

10:00-11:00 AM

Q-223, Lee Campus

Session Two

Honors/CURC

Brown Bag

August 28, 2026

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Q-223, Lee Campus

Sessions can be registered individually on the CTLE training calendar.

Academic Committee Updates



From SPAS Reps

- Academic Standards
- Academic Technology
- Curriculum
- General Ed
- Learning Assessment
- Professional Development
- CTLE
- Honor's Advisory Council
- OTOC
- eLearning
- Library
- CURC

<https://www.fsw.edu/herpetonconference>

Schedule - Upcoming Key Dates – Fall



- Monday, Aug 24
 - First Day of Classes (Full/A)
- Monday, Sep 7
 - College Closed! Labor Day
- Tuesday, Sep 8
 - Study Day – No Classes
- Wednesday, Sep 9
 - First Day of Classes (Express)
- Monday, Oct 12
 - Compact A Grades Due at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Wednesday, Oct 14
 - First Day of Classes (B)
- Wednesday, Nov 11
 - College Closed! Veterans Day
- Nov 25 - 29
 - College Closed! Thanksgiving (includes Wed)
- Dec 7 - 12
 - Final Exams
- Tuesday, Dec 15
 - Grades Due at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Friday, Dec 18
 - Last Duty Day!

Schedule - Simple Syllabus – Spring 2027



CALENDAR

Spring 2027 key dates

BUILD PHASE – FALL 2026

●	●	●	●	●	●
Sep 16	Sep 18	Sep 21	Oct 6	Oct 7	Nov 22
Institutional template editing complete	School template editing opens	Course master editing opens	Course master editing closes	Section-level editing opens for Spring terms	45-day statutory deadline (to chairs for approval)

SECTION-LEVEL EDITING CLOSURES – SPRING 2027

Jan 25 Spring Standard & A

Feb 8 Spring E

Mar 17 Spring B

Section-level editing closes two weeks after the part of term begins.

Schedule - Upcoming Key Dates – next 6 weeks



- Tuesday, Aug 18
 - Adjunct Meeting 5:30 PM via Zoom
 - Friday, Aug 28
 - BUC Block Party – Suncoast, 3:30 – 7:00 PM
 - Monday, Aug 24
 - First Day of Classes (Full/A)
 - Thursday, Aug 27
 - Last Day to Drop (Full/A)
 - **Monday, Sep 7**
 - **College Closed! Labor Day**
 - **Tuesday, Sep 8**
 - **Study Day – No Classes**
 - Wednesday, Sep 9
 - First Day of Classes (Express)
 - Monday, Sep 14
 - Last Day to Drop (E)
 - **Friday, Sep 11**
 - **Meeting Day!**
 - Tuesday, Sep 15
 - Attendance Verification Due (Full/A/E)
 - Monday, Sep 21
 - Last Day to replace “I” from summer terms
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- Herpeton, Nov 6 - 8, Hosted on the Collier Campus

Schedule - 2nd Friday of the Month Meetings



TIME	Department of Mathematics		Department of Biological Sciences		Department of Physical Sciences	
8:00						
8:15						
8:30						
8:45						
9:00	DEPT MTG		COBP			
9:15						
9:30						
9:45						
10:00			Environmental Science	Anatomy & Physiology/ HSC	DEPT MTG	
10:15						
10:30						
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11:30	SOPAS MEETING					
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12:45						
13:00	COBP		DEPT MTG		Physics/ Astronomy	Chemistry
13:15						
13:30						
13:45						
14:00			Biology/ Microbiology/ Nutrition			
14:15						
14:30						
14:45						
15:00						

Topics for September: Textbooks, the Spring Schedule, Course Updates

Topics for October: Review of Assessments/SOS Results

Topics for November: End of Semester Procedures!

Topics for December – no meeting unless things go horribly horribly wrong this hurricane season. . .

All 30 of Florida's Most In-Demand Careers in 2033 require Math Skills

Thousands of Florida Students Won't Make the Cut

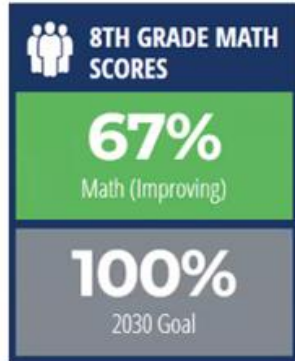


Click, explore, and see where K-12 math skills are shaping Florida's workforce:



The Data is Clear: Math Matters for Florida

- Across all 21 workforce regions, **all of the top 30 high-demand careers require math skills.**
- Over **128,600** Florida students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade tested **“not proficient”** in math.



NEW Interactive Report: Explore Florida's Top Careers By Region (And the Math Skills That Power Them)

- See the top high-demand careers in **your region** and **statewide**
- Explore **required math skills** by career
- **Compare** in-demand careers

https://www.flchamber.com/top-30-high-demand-careers-in-florida-math-skills-edition/?utm_source=Presentation&utm_campaign=BOD

