

Florida Institute of Technology
The Aero Flyer

From the College of Aeronautics

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK—



This message is directed to FIT College of Aeronautics Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Friends: I send this first communication to all FIT College of Aeronautics constituents as a report on the recent Student Forum that was held the evening of April 10, 2007. The forum was sponsored by Women in Aviation International, with pizza and drinks provided. We had about 55 students in attendance and discussion on selected topical areas was excellent. Thank You to all who participated.

The purpose of the forum was for me to solicit student opinions on a variety of topics and to give Aero Students an opportunity to speak on anything else that was on their minds.

Agenda and Topics for discussion included:

1. CoA Academic Programs (Question: Why are you in this program and how do you expect it to prepare you for your career aspirations?)

- a. Bachelor's Programs
 - i. Aviation Management (with/without Flight)
 - ii. Aeronautical Science (with/without Flight)
 - iii. Meteorology (with/without Flight)
 - iv. Computer Science
- b. Master's Programs
 - i. Aviation Human Factors (on-campus and on-line)
 - ii. Airport Development and Management
 - iii. Applied Aviation Safety
- c. Ph.D. Programs
 - i. Science Education with Aviation Focus

2. Update on Flight Training Operations

- a. Current Issues
 - i. Scheduling: Efforts to buckle down scheduling and completion of flight training activities.
 - ii. Completing Courses: The End Goal
 - iii. Carrying Flight Courses into Summer, Housing issues
 - iv. Instructors Getting Jobs: Good and Bad News for Students

b. New Flight Training Facility

- i. Emil Buehler Foundation - \$1.5M Grant to Build 12,000 sq ft Flight Training Center Building
- ii. AIP, FDOT, and MLB Airport Funding to Build Hangar, Ramp, Parking
- iii. Broke Ground on Ramp last Month, Break Ground on Building Nov 07
- iv. Anticipated Move in: Fall 08
- c. New Aircraft Fleet
 - i. RFP Released April 10
 - ii. May 31 Proposals Due
 - iii. June 30 Aircraft Selection
 - iv. Expect First Deliveries: Fall 07
 - v. Complete Turn-over of Fleet by Fall 08

3. Comments on Individual Classes/Faculty/IPs

4. Student Recruitment/Retention

- a. What Brought You to FIT?
- b. Why Do You Stay?
- c. Why Have other Students Left FIT?

5. Discussion on the Formation of a Student Advisory Board

6. Anything Else Anyone Wants to Address

