

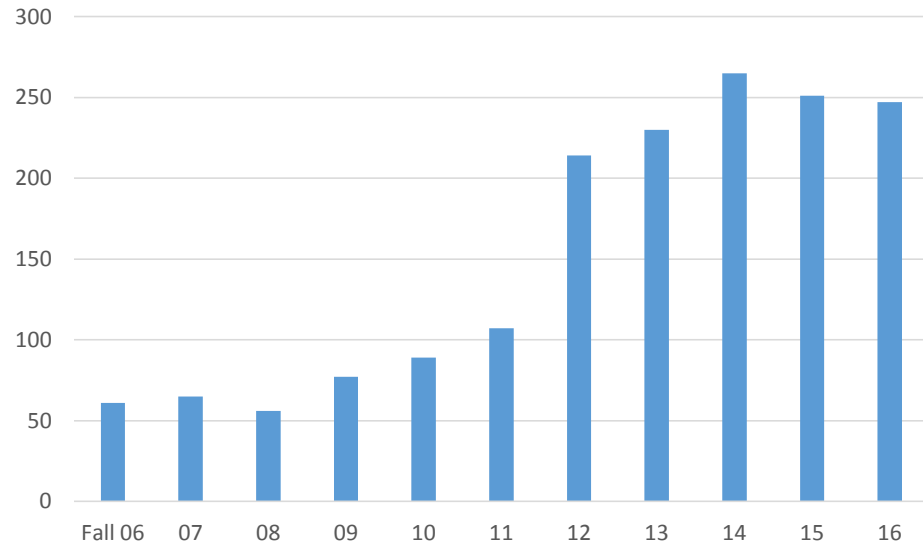
Branch Campus Programs

Panama City & Online Offerings

BS and BA in Computer Science

Online & Panama City Campus

Enrollment (Headcount)



Faculty

- Chris Lacher
- Steve Leach
- Gang-Ryung Uh
- Melissa Carlton

Points of Interest

- Contributed \$20,000 to system group for system maintenance and upgrades – worked with Yu Wang who made purchase decisions.
- Supporting two grad students, Derek Yohn and Ricardo Romero.
- Formal request at Provost's office for two new faculty positions in CS
- Funding seems to be working as before the legislative scare of spring 2016

Items we would bring up for discussion:

1. Revive the “course committee” meetings, formally charged to keep courses aligned and equivalent across all campuses.
2. Possibility of offering the new CS degree (Programming and Applications) at PC and online?

Commentary on #1: ABET accreditation is very important to our campuses, many of our students work or aspire to work as professional engineer positions in DOD-related work. Maintaining equivalency of offerings is essential to maintain ABET.

Commentary on #2 from Steve Leach: The P&A degree has the advantage of not having the GPA and D/F requirement ... which means that we could move a student into this degree rather than kick them out completely.

3. Which GPA should be used for retention?

Commentary on #3 from Steve Leach: As you know, there is a 2.65 GPA requirement for admission into the BS or BA. The overall GPA is used in this determination, which is essentially all that is available at that time (obviously, if student starts at FSU as a freshman and has only attended FSU, then FSU GPA is the same as the overall GPA). There is also a 2.5 GPA requirement to stay in the program. I believe that the overall GPA is being used here as well, but it isn't clear that we should be doing so. The problem arises when a student has a significant number of hours prior to coming to FSU. Of course, virtually all of our students are in that category coming in with an AA from elsewhere. This is not a hypothetical. There was a case where a student was admitted with something like a 3.2 GPA. The student made something like a 1.9 the first term, making an F in MAD2104 and other marginal grades. The next term, the student made just enough to get back above the 2.0 level, but the overall GPA was still something like 2.85. Assuming that overall GPA is used for the retention GPA, my guess is that this was not the intention. I would propose that the requirement for retention be a 2.5 FSU GPA. One could soften that slightly by saying that a student who is below an FSU 2.5 for two consecutive terms is required to change majors; that way, a student who has a rocky first semester has an opportunity to recover.