



Statewide Email

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TO: FCS Presidents

Via: ChancellorFCS@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: Student Perspectives on Intellectual Freedom and Instructional Modality

The Department is seeking your assistance with a time-sensitive request to help us better understand what colleges have been doing to gain a better understanding of student perspectives on two important topics.

First, we are currently monitoring bills that would create a study of campus intellectual freedom. We recognize that some institutions may have conducted similar surveys on their own regarding intellectual freedom, campus climate, freedom of expression, freedom of speech, or related topics. To that end, we are asking for colleges to provide any existing publicly available survey instrument(s) that you, or a third party on your behalf, distributed and collected. If you have administered a survey, please include the date the instrument(s) was distributed and, if possible, the general audience that completed the survey.

Second, we are currently trying to understand student perceptions of the impact of course modality on their performance as well as student preferences on instructional modalities. If you have surveyed your students at any time since spring 2020 about their course scheduling preferences, preferences on modalities of course offerings, or opinions on new instructional formats, please provide the instrument(s) used and any related results, if those are available.

We appreciate any assistance you can offer that will inform the statewide conversation. If your institution has not administered these or similar surveys, please let us know that, as well.

Please respond to ChancellorFCS@fldoe.org by Tuesday, March 2. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.