White House easing restrictions on travel, remittances to Cuba

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Within the Cuban community, the recent White House press release easing restrictions on travel and remittances to Cuba has caused polarized views due to the 52-year presence of the communist regime.

Public Institutions around the country applauded the changes made on regulations allowing accredited institutions of higher education to sponsor travel to Cuba for academic work - all except in the state of Florida.

In 2006, the FIU Faculty Senate and individual faculty members joined the American Civil Liberties Union in challenging the constitutionality of two Florida statues prohibiting state universities and agencies from using funds from any source to travel to countries designated as “state sponsors of terrorism.” These countries include: Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria.

Although the statues were overturned, they came in full effect once again on November 2010. Cuban expert and Associate Director of the Cuban Research Institute at FIU, Uva de Anguin, comments on how “it is unfortunate that some of the provisions regarding academics do not impact us at all.”

“Travelling to Cuba would have been a logistical nightmare under the old regulations,” said de Anguin. “I think in the long run, the White House easing restrictions on travel, remittances to Cuba will be beneficial, but it’s too early to assess the long-term effects. Hopefully, it will open doors for more collaboration and understanding.”

Faculty, students find University scheduling unfavorable

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It’s been four years since a milestone agreement to change the scheduling of classes at Florida International University, the last of the state’s colleges to move from a Monday-Thursday to Monday-Friday structure.

The 50-minute blocks in the Monday-Western-Friday rotation have affected both the professors and the students, who say the choppy and lengthened weeks limit opportunities for better employment and participation in extra-curricular activities.

“(Last) semester I had three hour breaks between each of my classes and had classes in the morning, afternoon, and night,” said Beatriz Furtado, 21, an environmental studies student.

As urban universities and community colleges around the country begin providing students with more flexible schedules, Furtado and others believe FIU is heading in the opposite direction.

Although the schedule goes from 7 a.m. to 9:10 p.m., the majority of the classes are offered during business hours, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

“It sucks,” Marina Dos Santos, 24, a biology student, said. “The labs are always in the middle of the day and they are three hours long, so of course I can’t take them because I have to work.”

Students who attend urban universities compared to those who attend more traditional universities are more likely to perform multiple roles while they attend school; in particular, they are more likely to have extensive work and family obligations.

“I need to work to pay for school and as a full-time student I have a really hard time finding a job because my availability is virtually non-existent,” Furtado said. “The only jobs available are low-paying and completely unrelated to my major or future.

“Besides that, getting an internship is unrealistically and juggling time for any type of commitment outside of school is impractical.”

It has become increasingly common for urban colleges and universities around the country to offer late night classes in an effort to meet the needs of those who would like to take classes but cannot attend during the day.

Anne Arundel Community College in Baltimore has begun offering late night classes, which they informally labeled “Midnight Madness.” Others in Indiana, Missouri, Oregon and Boston have joined in.

At this point, FIU has not.


The PECO fund, which stands for Public Education Capital Outlay, is the main source of state capital funding for Florida’s school districts, community colleges and the State University System.

Besides private endowments, PECO is a major building fund source for state universities to build new structures or remodel, renovate or repair existing ones.

At the time, Florida’s Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability prepared a study that looked at classroom utilization by time of day and day of week at each of the university’s campuses. Under their calculations, FIU had the lowest utilization in the state.

That conclusion severely threatened FIU’s access to PECO funds, which prompted FIU in 2006 to create the Classroom Space and Utilization Committee to identify new ways to put more students in more classrooms during the daytime hours used for counting purposes.

The committee developed a few strategies, which began with turning FIU’s four-day week into a five-day week, initiating classes on Fridays.

Second, it arranged a new schedule, which consisted of Monday-Wednesday-Friday 50-minute block from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., thus creating 15 new time blocks per week.

Associate Vice President Jeffrey Gonzalez said the committee’s concerns went beyond the utilization data.

“The change in scheduling was part of a larger discussion on the needs for flexible scheduling as we adapt to new teaching styles,” Gonzalez said.

Four years after these changes, students and professors question the flexibility of the new schedule.

“We do not like the Monday-Wednesday-Friday 50-minute class schedule that FIU has adopted,” business instructor Stephen Luscher said. “It is a complete waste of time when you..."
Florida legislators criticize the change in restrictions

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“Want when they build the Kovens Conference Center they took down a bunch of mangroves and they have to pay back the mangroves they took out,” Grimm said.

“What we are trying to do is to get to it not as mitigation, but as general restoration.”

“Overall, the $300 dollar amount that was permitted to be sent exclusively to family members has been raised to $500 every holiday and extends to non-family members as well.

Florida Republican Beata Rosenblum and the Diaz-Balart brothers have been among those to criticize Barack Obama’s move, arguing that the amendments will empower Cuba’s government to come up with ways to benefit the Cuban society. Cuba is not the same as the Castro’s in power, nothing will change in Cuba, that’s the reality.”

However, others argue that trying to bankrupt the Cuban government has not worked in the past decades.

When Jose Leon, business administration major, learned that his uncle was in surgery, he knew that he and his family would have to assume the task of sending medical supply, from the simplest of band aids, to medicines, lotions, pain killers, sterilized instruments.

“I completely agree with President Obama’s proposal of bettering the Cuban society, Cuba is not the same as the Castro’s in power, nothing will change in Cuba, that’s the reality.”

From the economic stand point, de Aragón also adopts this view, claiming that opportunities that help the individual Cuban separate him or herself from the state, such as initiating small businesses, should be welcomed. She does acknowledge that money will go to the regime, “but when you invest in business you have risks.”

“So if you’re investing in Cuban society, which is what it is, then yes, you will have a certain percent of it that will help the state, but I think that risk is worth taking” said de Aragón.

According to de Aragón, “there are a lot fundamental resources that don’t exist in Cuba” while the island faces the effects of unemployment.

“This is like asiprer for cancer,” de Aragón said. “The best move for now is to befriend as many people inside Cuba that will be partners in projects in the future and learn how to work with them.”

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consider how much time one has to waste getting to and from class and the cost to the student of going to and from class.

“Being that this school is so close and for them to have an Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, that’s what I needed to hear,” said Mohammad Qureshi, assistant dean of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. I brought the students, staff members, an caterer, helped them design a menu and a few things free of charge.

“I am proud of our partnership began with us helping AOHT plan and carry out the dedication ceremony.”

This past February, the University gave ATM 200 tickets to attend “Fun Fit as a Family,” a kids version of the South Beach food and wine festival at Jungle Island. This will repeat in February 2011.

ATM AOHT students also attended the University’s dean’s lecture in the fall semester, an event in which industry professors share their knowledge, their vision and how they got into the business.

“It’s a great opportunity because they get exposed to what’s going on in the industry,” said Stephanie Trinidad, ATM Academy of Hospitality and Tourism lead teacher.

Trinidad and Qureshi have been working together to come up with ways to benefit ATM as well as the University.

“Hopefully, they [the ATM students] can take advantage of the resources at FIU and when the time arrives for them to decide which university they want to attend, they will be the choice,” said Cheryl Carter, assistant director of the Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Research and Education at the University.

The Student Government Council at BBC is also doing its part in enticing ATM students to attend the University in the future by educating them about FIU pride.

“A lot of students dream of going to UF or UM and we want to start that affinity with FIU,” SGC-BBC President Christina ’Cici’ Battle said.

“Out new folks we’re training here will be beneficial to here in the future.”

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FIU losing streak extended to six games

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FIU shot ten more free throws than Middle Tennessee in the game but shot poorly from the charity stripe in a tough 79-70 loss that summed up how the Golden Panthers season has gone so far.

“We’ve been losing the same way for the past three weeks,” Head Coach Isiah Thomas said. “They do all the big things but when it comes down to doing all the small things, like making a free throw, they don’t do it. And that’s the difference in our season.”

In the first half, both teams went back and forth exchanging baskets but FIU went out to their biggest lead of the game with 2:29 left when Phil Gary found Marvin Roberts open for a three and then DeJuan Wright went inside for the layup to make it a 37-30 lead.

Middle Tennessee kept the deficit at five at the half, thanks in part to both their great foul shooting and execution in shooting three-pointers.

The Blue Raiders came into the matchup shooting an astounding 72% from the line on the season and it showed in the first half, going 8-8 as a team from the line.

James Washington gave the FIU defense fits, making four of MTSU six three-pointers and scoring 14 points as FIU struggled to contain the Blue Raiders from beyond the arc.

“We lost him a couple of times and every- time we lost him he made us pay, that’s kind of their offense,” Thomas said, discussing how much Washington hurt them.

The second half quickly got away from FIU right from the start and saw their five-point lead turn into a two-point deficit in a matter of five minutes. The teams would stay close the rest of the way through, but Middle Tennessee’s defense seemed to have the Golden Panthers perplexed at times as they struggled to find a rhythm on offense.

FIU became a totally different team from the line in the second half, which was the difference in the game. Their 9-20 performance from the free-throw line hurt them just as it has the whole season.

“You go back and look at all the games we lost and it goes directly to the foul line,” Thomas said. “It’s frustrating.”

With 2:43 to go the team down by just two, Roberts would turn the ball over twice on consecutive possessions just moments later. MTSU took full advantage of both opportunities and built their lead all the way up to eight. By then, it was too late for FIU to make a comeback.

This was FIU’s sixth straight loss, all in conference play.

Alex Legion once again did not appear in the game, having sat out the last two games in a row in what Thomas describes as “a coach’s decision”.

Wku 81, FIU 78
DeJuan Wright’s 25 points were not enough in a thrilling yet disappointing 81-78 loss to Western Kentucky Thursday night, Jan. 27.

Marvin Roberts [above] scored a team-high 17 points in loss to MTSU on Jan. 29.

Going into halftime, FIU had a slim 35-33 deficit, something they did not have the pleasure of the last few games. Normally, they would give their opponents double digit leads and have to fight back in the second half just to get within striking distance at the end of the game.

They played very well in the first half, and held the Sun Belt’s third leading scorer, Sergio Kerušč, to just four points. The rebounding battle was also won, which going into the game was the biggest concern for Head Coach Isiah Thomas. Eric Fred- erick had led the team at half and helped keep the score close. Frederick would not score again in the contest.

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The Panthers not only managed to hold the number one scoring offense in the Sun Belt Conference to under their season average, but they also managed to come away with a critical victory.

FIU was able to upset Middle Tennessee State 62-59 on Jan 29, giving coach Cindy Russo her 600th victory as head coach of the Panthers, and her 640th win overall.

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FIU (9-14, SBC 4-5) got off to a hot start over the number one team in the SBC, as they jumped out to an 11-0 lead five minutes into the game. Finda Mansare and Carmen Miloglav led the FIU charge, scoring eight and seven points respectively. MTSU (17-5, SBC 8-1) would finally break the scoreless drought when Icyelin Elie scored a free throw and a layup, giving the Panthers a 19-3 lead with 11:31 left in the first half.

“We ran our offense to perfection,” said Carey, when talking about the Panther’s first half surge.

The FIU defense was strong until they allowed consecutive three point shots by Elie and Anne Marie Lanning to make the score 27-17 with 3:45 left in the first half. MTSU managed to continue their hot streak from three-point range, continuing to cut the Panther lead. The halftime buzzer could not come sooner for FIU, as they chung to a 27-22 lead.

“I told them to hang tough. This was a very good team and we weren’t going to keep them down for long,” Russo said.

FIU looked to start the second half the same way they started the first, by attacking the basket and running successful fast-breaks. MTSU would continue the pace at which they ended the first half, matching FIU point for point. Both teams continued the frenetic pace of the game, as FIU was able to hang on to win 11-41 lead with 11:41 left in the game.

Men’s Basketball

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Swimming and Diving

FIU defeats FAU in season finale

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In the regular season finale, the swimming and diving team faced off against their Sun Belt Conference rival, Florida Atlantic, and also against Nova Southeastern in a dual meet on Jan. 29. This meet would be their last until the conference tournament in Dallas from Feb. 23-26.

The Golden Panthers would win both meets by defeating NSU in meet one by the score of 175.00 to 40.00 and FAU 117.50 to 113.50 in meet two.

“Was a complete team effort,” Horner said.

“Had no standout stars. It was definitely across the board a team effort. Anyone you have a scenario with a meet with an in-conference rival… you want to win that meet. It’s always good momentum to beat FAU going into conference championships.”

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Danielle Snir, Erin Pavlick, Yesica Rojas and Marangela Macchiavello got off to a strong start for FIU. The relay team would cruise to a victory with a time of 1:49.36.

“It was really awesome beating FAU,” Pavlick said.

The 1000-yard freestyle would see FIU’s Mary Boucher, Colleen Quinn, and Joanna Pomerantz finish 2:3-4 respectively.

“Had never worked so hard in my life,” Pomerantz said. “Coach Randy is amazing. All the hard work we put in has shown off.”

In the 50-yard freestyle, Macchiavello and Karianne Stevens finished 1-2 as Macchiavello finished with a time of 25.03. In the 100-yard butterfly, Rojas would finish second, with a time of 58.65. In the 100-yard free- style Derr, Macchiavello and Vianca Torres would finish 2-3-4 for FIU.

Snir and Caroline Foster would finish first and third for Head Coach Isiah Thomas… Eric Fred-

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Golden Panthers hold off Blue Raider comeback

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“IT’s all comes down to preparation,” Horner said of his relay and it would determine the winner of the meet between FAU and FIU. The relay team of Sneir, Pavlick, Rojas, and Macchiavello set the pace throughout, but in the final 50 yards they would be pushed by FAU’s relay team. The Golden Panthers would hold on to win with a time of 1:38.47.

“The three meter was a huge part of FIU’s comeback run on the offensive side of the ball. FIU (8-12, 3-5 SBC) has now lost five straight games, all in Sun Belt play.

“They came out and punched us in the mouth so I took it upon myself to just give them the spark that FIU is so used to producing.” Mansare said.

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“The group that I had in to start the second half, I didn’t like their energy level so I went with a smaller group in order to get back into the game,” said Thomas.

They trailed by as much as 14 points until halfway through when they started to make another one of their thrilling comebacks, and by playing staunch defense, MTSU would make another charge to tie the game, this time at 56 with 2:40 left in the game. The Panthers would score on a layup before the Blue Raiders would take a 59-58 lead off a Kortni Jones three-point shot. FIU would step up the defense to force the Blue Raiders into bad shot opportunities. Free throws by Michelle Gonzalez and Elisa Carey would ice the game for the Panthers, as they would win 62-59.

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Theater students perform at the Kennedy Center

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A modern day form of slavery, human trafficking is an underground, illegal trading ring that sells individuals, mostly women and children, for the purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor. The 2010 “Trafficking in Persons Report” by the U.S. Department of State cited reports of approximately 12.3 million people falling victim to this practice worldwide.

On Jan. 11, a date Congress has designated as Human Trafficking Awareness Day, nine University students from the theater department and one alumnus travelled to Washington D.C. with professor Phillip M. Church to join a group from McKinley High School for a dramatized reading of Body and Sold.

“Body and Sold” is the result of two projects undertaken by students and professionals in the theater department. The first was a production of the play “Body and Sold” that was presented at the University and partially supported by the college’s Coalition Against Slavery and Trafficking. The second was a workshop in which students from the University and McKinley High School cooperated to further study the concept of human trafficking.

On Jan. 25, the day before the group departed, student actors presented a dramatized reading of the play at the college’s Atlantic Apartments. The performance was well-received by the audience, and the group was inspired and motivated to continue their work.

On their return to Miami, the group was invited to a forum in the chambers of Congress with young rescued victims in India, Nepal, and other parts of the world. They were also able to meet with political leaders at Capitol Hill and high school students at McKinley Tech High School, what is best in college students,” said Church. “That both adults and students can aspire to the examples that they personified through their work and their social commitment.”

Body and Sold will be travelling abroad this summer. The group will work with and present alongside students from Solent University in Southampton and Kingston University of London in July as part of the 2011 International Youth Theater Festival in Kingston, London. Professor Church shared that Congressman Smith invited them to perform the play for over 130 delegates at the Helsinki Commission, which is gathering to discuss European security and human trafficking issues in Belgrade following the Festival.

“This is a great honor for FIU and puts us ‘Worlds Ahead’ in the league of student social consciousness. As you probably realize, part of my own personal mission as a teacher of theater is to develop young actors/directors/designers/playwrights to be socially aware of what theater can do. This is a wonderful opportunity to lead them to that awareness,” said Church.
Dealing with parents while living at home not an easy task

Dear Vicki,

I live at home and my family and I are very close. I find that a lot of times I want to go out with friends or pursue new interests but my family is always making me feel like I am never there for them. I just want to enjoy college like other kids do without feeling guilty that I am hurting my family.

Signed,
Confused

Vicki Burns

Balancing competing needs can often be tricky.

On the one hand, you have a need for autonomy: you want to explore who you are, what kind of people you get along with best, what kind of activities you are really good at and what your personal strengths and limitations are.

On the other hand, you have a need to be a “good” child. You want to feel as though you are growing and how excited you are about this new experience will help to keep them a part of this new area of your life somehow.

Helping your family see how much you are enjoying college is a really important part of further developing your own identity and what your personal strengths and limitations are and at the same time enjoy your family and what your personal strengths and limitations are. You can still explore who you are and at the same time enjoy your family and what your personal strengths and limitations are.

The first step is being aware of what is going on. You have two needs that are in some ways in direct contrast with each other. The process of further developing your own identity could mean that sometimes you may need to separate from your family unit.

I think it is important to look at the big picture, though. You can still explore who you are and at the same time enjoy your family and their company.

For example, if you develop a new hobby or you spend time with a new friend or romantic partner, include your family in that experience. You can still explore who you are and at the same time enjoy your family and what your personal strengths and limitations are. You can still explore who you are and at the same time enjoy your family and what your personal strengths and limitations are.

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The last time I checked, Garret Wittels has not been convicted of something wrong. And by asking for Wittels to be punished, The Beacon is saying he did something wrong. Until there is a guilty verdict, Garret Wittels has done nothing wrong or illegal.

In his closing statements, Mr. Weismann let the audience know that even after he lived through it, he still believes in mankind and that there is one lesson he would want to pass on to the rest of us, it is to never accept the unacceptable.

It is my hope that the Athletics Department will stand by their player and allow him to continue playing.

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The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has a website that is clearly stuck in the cyber-past, as its homepage emphatically offers the “SGA News & Events for Fall 2009!”

Alas, the site will be brought up to speed after it receives a complete renovation by the end of the spring semester, SGC-BBC President Christin Cox O’Dowd Battle announced during the general meeting held on Jan. 26.

Battle explained the website has been a huge concern for the council, so she took up the project after the former SGC-BBC press secretary, Ohehlo “O” Higgins, graduated from the University, but failed to fix the website.

Battle contacted the University’s External Relations department to put in contact with Ashleigh Brymer, University web assistant, who knows the website’s issues firsthand from visiting it as a student in the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Brymer said that the SGC-BBC site is plain and outdated, and the reason is because it takes a lot of work to update a site through a management system, which Brymer explained is simply being similar to WordPress, a personal publishing platform.

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### Local schools join forces for educational partnerships

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During the past four years, the front porch to the Biscayne Bay Campus has changed dramatically.

David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center opened in 2006, followed last year by the Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School, fondly referred to as ATM.

The namesake of both schools are significant in Miami. Lawrence was a legendary newsman and was chair of The Children’s Trust, while Alonzo Mourning is the immensely popular former center for the Miami Heat.

The education facilities named for these community giants have formed an education corridor that now hosts developing collaborative relationships between and among the campuses. One of the first was in Marine Science.

“[I started this program with David Lawrence] in 2008. We worked with 6th, 7th and 8th graders,” said Jennifer Grimm, BBC’s environmental coordinator.

“We tried to use marine science to help them understand general science concepts and get them more interested in school.”

Grimm and an undergraduate science major would visit David Lawrence to give presentations and do hands-on activities with the kids in the classroom. Once a month, the kids would go to BBC to work in the marine biology lab or perform field activities such as counting birds and looking at the types of sediments that were in the mitigation restoration site on the south end of BBC.

According to Bernard Osdom, principal of David Lawrence, the students also have participated in testing the water for the mangroves in mitigation sites along 151st Street, but the joint programs are not growing in the bad economy.

“This year, unfortunately, we are not running any programs at David Lawrence. We don’t have any more money to use on activities,” Grimm said. “But we are looking to get a grant to provide money to do activities over there.”

Grimm is talking with David Lawrence faculty about a small grant the K-8 center has received in hopes of being able to use the money to continue these activities.

When Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School opened, the University began to collect and raise mangroves in the green house located at ATM. This included David Lawrence, University and ATM students.

Grimm said those would be planted in Oleta State Park, the fourth component in the education matrix along the corridor.

University and Marine & Environmental Science Academy students at ATM tested whether the mangroves they collected last fall, as part of a cleanup project at BBC, survive better in soil or water. Each mangrove is planted in red plastic cups filled with rocks and water or in plastic containers filled with soil.

Martin Koch, lead academy teacher, explained that the mangroves they collected last month will be planted next year.

Grimm hopes to plant these in the restoration site on the south side of BBC.

BBC has two mitigation sites that are now restoration sites as a result of the construction that took place when building the Kovens Conference Center.