

**The Florida College System  
Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Friday, October 23, 2015  
TCC Capitol Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Ed Meadows, Council of Presidents Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2015 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

The following members of the Policy and Advocacy Committee were present:

Dr. Ed Meadows	Mr. John Grosskopf
Dr. Jason Hurst	Dr. Ty Handy
Dr. Jim Henningsen	Dr. Ava Parker
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Jim Richey	Dr. Eileen Holden
Dr. Lawrence Barrett	Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra	Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. John Holdnak	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Ken Atwater	Dr. Jim Murdaugh
Dr. Chuck Mojock	

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariaga	Ms. Abbey Ivey
Dr. Chris Mullin	Mr. Corey Jones
Ms. Lisa Cook	Ms. Shelly Ford
Ms. Judy Green	Mr. Andy Barnes
Ms. Wendy Sikora	Ms. Suzanne Tart

Mr. Michael Brawer	Mr. Jack Hall
Mr. Greg Haile	Mr. Ed Woodruff
Mr. Eric Johnson	Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Andy Treadwell	Mr. Scott Balog
Ms. Victoria Hernandez	
Mr. Steve Schroeder	
Ms. Sandy Ceseretti Ray	

Dr. Dan Rodkin	Mr. Keith Houck
Mr. Don Payton	Dr. Judy Bilsky
Dr. Naima Brown	Ms. Daria Leon
Mr. Chauncey Fagler	Dr. Kathleen Plinske
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe	Mr. Joseph Sarnovsky
Ms. Petra Kohlman	Mr. Jon Poole
Mr. Anthony Iacono	Ms. Kelly Warren
Mr. Richard Becker	Ms. Lisa Bacot
Ms. Kasongo Butler	

Recorder: Tina Ingramm-Ward

## **1.0 Approval of Minutes**

### **1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2015**

Mr. Greg Haile requested his name be added to the minutes.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Cynthia Bioteau and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf the amended minutes of the September 18, 2015 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

## **2.0 Transportation Bill**

Ms. Lisa Bacot referred to the handout entitled 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees (Attachment A.) Ms. Bacot reported the proposed legislation, which has not been filed yet, would expand the transportation access fee to all Florida College System institutions. This fee would be optional and require the students to pass the application of the fee.

Dr. Ed Meadows asked Ms. Bacot to bring more information on the specifics of the bill to the next meeting. Ms. Victoria Hernandez added the lobbyists can also review the bill.

## **3.0 2016 Legislative Session**

Dr. Ed Meadows reported the specifics of the legislative agenda are still being finalized. He added a call with the Chancellor will be scheduled to discuss specifics.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported staff has requested data, by November, to justify the \$80 million request for workforce preparation enhancement. She added a simplified spreadsheet on partnerships may be beneficial.

Mr. Michael Brawer reported there are two bills regarding guns on campus. Both bills are moving slowly. He urged the presidents to reach out to their local delegation on the issue. Mr. Brawer added he will send the presidents talk points. He also stated Representative Steube is interested in discussing the guns on campus issue with the presidents.

Ms. Hernandez reported the lobbyists are working with the Division on performance funding. Chancellor Pumariega reported the performance funding matrix, not measures, are being refined.

Chancellor Pumariega reported the State University System included in the legislative budget request funding for mental health programs. She suggested the presidents include in their request funding for mental well-being programs. Dr. Meadows stated he will work with the Chancellor on adding a \$20 million request for mental well-being programs.

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 9:06 a.m. without objection.