

**The Florida College System  
Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Friday, February 19, 2016  
TCC Capitol Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Ed Meadows, Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong  
Dr. Ed Meadows  
Dr. Jason Hurst  
Dr. Jim Henningsen  
Dr. Tom LoBasso  
Dr. Jim Richey  
Dr. Jeff Allbritten  
Dr. Lawrence Barrett  
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau  
Dr. John Holdnak

Dr. Ed Massey  
Dr. Stanley Sidor  
Mr. John Grosskopf  
Dr. Sasha Jarrell  
Ms. Ava Parker  
Dr. Eileen Holden  
Dr. Jackson Sasser  
Dr. Ann McGee  
Dr. Thomas Leitzel  
Dr. Carol Probstfeld

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariaga  
Dr. Chris Mullin  
Ms. Lisa Cook  
Ms. Judy Green  
Ms. Wendy Sikora  
Ms. Shelly Ford  
Mr. Alex Anderson  
Mr. Corey Jones

Mr. Andy Barnes  
Ms. Yvette Hargreaves  
Mr. Juan Mestre  
Ms. Cora Merritt  
Ms. Lynda Earls  
Dr. Kathyrine Scheuch  
Dr. Karinda Barrett  
Mr. Eric Godin

Mr. Michael Brawer  
Mr. Greg Haile  
Mr. Brian Babb  
Mr. Matthew Holliday  
Mr. Eric Johnson  
Mr. Andy Treadwell  
Ms. Victoria Hernandez

Ms. Erin McColskey  
Mr. Steve Schroeder  
Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray  
Mr. Jack Hall  
Mr. Liam McClay  
Mr. Brian Thomas

Ms. Juanita Scott  
Ms. Marsha Kiner  
Mr. Anthony Iacono  
Ms. Gean Ann Emond  
Dr. Naima Brown  
Mr. Chauncey Fagler  
Ms. Kelly Warren  
Ms. Petra Kohlmann Sanchez  
Dr. Judy Bilsky

Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe  
Dr. Kathleen Plinske  
Dr. Robert Jones  
Mr. Chris Hansen  
Mr. Don Payton  
Dr. Nancy McKee  
Mr. David Bannister  
Ms. Kasongo Butler  
Mr. E.H. Levering

Recorder: Tina Ingramm-Ward

## **1.0 Approval of Minutes**

### **1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2016**

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Dr. Ed Massey, the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

## **2.0 2016 Legislative Session**

Dr. Ed Meadows reported he gave a presentation on the Florida College System to the State Board of Education. At the end of the presentation, Dr. Meadows stated he was asked if the Council of President responded to the Governor's letter dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Meadows has asked COBA to look at the how the operational management suggestions discussed in the Governor's letter fit into the funding formula.

Dr. Ed Meadows reported he, along with the lobbyists, have been visiting with House and Senate staff regarding the revised funding formula. It has been re-emphasized with legislative leadership that the Florida College System's first priority is recurring workforce funding.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported the lobbyists are tracking the budget process. The budget conference is expected to begin soon.

Mr. Michael Brawer reported the guns on campus legislation is dead this session. It is expected to return next session. The legislative budget request for campus safety is still being requested this session.

Dr. Meadows reported COBA has been asked to look at the additional recommendations regarding the funding formula in the next six months. COBA has formed eight committees to look at the various pieces of the funding formula, with a Division member on each committee.

Dr. Ed Massey reported the Steering Committee has voted to bring forward a recommendation to form the Distance Learning Committee. He added Dr. Sidor and possibly Dr. Gueverra will be on the Committee. This Committee will be in liaison with CIA.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Ed Massey and a second by Dr. Jim Henningsen, the formation of the Distance Learning Committee was approved without objection.*

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 8:49 a.m. without objection.