

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Buena Vista Palace
Lake Buena Vista, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Tom LoBasso, Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Buena Vista Palace in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong
Dr. Jim Henningsen
Dr. Tom LoBasso
Dr. Jeff Allbritten
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau
Dr. John Holdnak
Dr. Ken Atwater
Dr. Ed Massey
Dr. Stanley Sidor

Mr. John Grosskopf
Ms. Ava Parker
Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Eileen Holden
Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariega
Dr. Chris Mullin
Ms. Wendy Sikora

Ms. Judy Green
Dr. Karinda Barrett

Mr. Michael Brawer
Mr. Greg Haile
Mr. Robert Batsel
Mr. Matthew Holliday
Mr. Eric Johnson
Mr. Andy Treadwell
Ms. Victoria Hernandez

Mr. David Marin
Ms. Rachael Ondrus
Mr. Steve Schroeder
Mr. Jack Hall
Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Scott Balog

Ms. Juanita Scott
Ms. Karen Moore
Mr. Patrick Rinard
Ms. Kelly Warren
Mr. Chauncey Fagler
Dr. Judy Bilsky
Mr. Chris Hansen
Mr. Peter Elliott
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe
Dr. Carrie Henderson
Mr. Craig Johnson
Ms. Abby Whiddon

Mr. Don Payton
Mr. E.H. Levering
Mr. Andrew Barnes
Mr. George Sanders
Ms. Cindy Hewitt
Mr. Ken Ross
Dr. Robert Flores
Dr. Robert Van Der Velde
Dr. Lenore Rodicio
Mr. Jack Parker
Mr. Mike Matulia

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2016

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Eileen Holden and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf, the minutes of the September 30, 2016 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.

2.0 Approval, 2017 Legislative Priorities

Dr. Tom LoBasso referred to the handout entitled The Florida College System Council of Presidents. He reported the 2017 total legislative budget request is \$100 million. The legislative budget request has \$40 million in performance funding and \$60 million that will go through the funding formula.

Dr. LoBasso added the request supports the Department of Education's PECO request of \$100 million.

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Tim Beard and a second by Dr. Tom Leitzel, the 2017 legislative priorities were approved without objection.

Ms. Ava Parker asked how the Council of Presidents legislative budget request aligns with the Chancellor's budget request.

Chancellor Pumariega reported the unfunded waivers issue could be problematic. She encouraged the presidents to develop a strategy when discussing the issue with delegation. Dr. LoBasso stated the presidents will use the Chancellor's advice to craft their message.

Ms. Parker also asked if the colleges will be able to request funding for special projects. Dr. LoBasso stated the colleges can still ask for special projects to be funded. The request addresses those issues of interest to the Governor.

Mr. Chris Hansen reported Senator Jack Latvala will be the Senate Appropriations Chair. Senator Joe Negron will be the Senate President.

Dr. Ken Atwater asked if the presidents should expect \$1 billion budget cut. Mr. Hansen stated that it could be more than \$1 billion cut from the budget.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported the lobbyists are working with Moore Communication Group on the legislative message.

Dr. Tom LoBasso adjourned the Policy and Advocacy meeting at 9:00 a.m. without objection.