**The Florida College System**

**Policy & Advocacy Committee**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

**Daytona State College**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Ava Parker called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Daytona State College.

**The following members of the Council of Presidents were present:**

Mr. David Armstrong

Dr. Jim Henningsen

Dr. Tom LoBasso

Dr. Jeff Allbritton

Dr. Lawrence Barrett

Dr. Cynthia Bioteau

Dr. John Holdnak ( Holly Kuehner)

Dr. Ed Massey

Dr. Stan Sidor
Dr. John Grosskopf

Dr. Devin Stephensen
Dr. Ava Parker

Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Dr. Anne McGee

Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Carol Probstfeld

Dr. Atwater (Ginger Clark)

Dr. Jackson Sasser (Ed Bonahue)
Dr. Jim Richey (Linda Miedema)

**Present on Phone:**Dr. Jonathan Gueverra Dr. Ed Meadows

Dr. Tonjua Williams Dr. Eduardo Padron (Lenore Rodicio)

**Also present were:**

 Ms. Karen Moore

Ms. Madeline Pumariega

 Mr. Michael Brawer
 Mr. Jesse Coraggio

 Mr. Joe Mazur
 Ms. Christine Davis
 Ms. Jaqueline Skyrd
 Mr. Chauncey Fagler
 Ms. Kelly Warren
 Mr. Brian Babb
 Mr. Mike McKee
 Mr. Andy Treadwell
 Ms. Victoria Hernandez
 Ms. Rachael Ondrus
 Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray
 Mr. Jack Hall
 Mr. Liam McClay
 Mr. Brian Thomas
 Gregory Ferguson
 Mr. Tom Furlong
 Mr. Tony Ganstine
 Ms. Felecia Moore-Davis
 Mr. Don Payton
 Ms Sheryl Vihitoe

 Ms. Judith Bilsky

 Mr. Jeff Schemberra

 Ms. Esmeralda Sweeney

 Ms. Tina Hart

Recorder: Sharlee Whiddon

President Ava Parker mentioned that she and Dr. LoBasso had been speaking with legislative staff on the concerns to budget cuts. She recapped the Legislative Budget Request teleconference which had taken place in August. President Parker referred to the amended Legislative Budget Request; it was distributed to those in attendance and emailed to those on the phone. The one number that had been changed was in the PECO dollars. She explained how the funds would work.

President Parker submitted to the group a Legislative Budget Request in the amount of $286 million. A motion would follow after brief period of questions and concerns.

Dr. Massey asked if the amount for Performance Funding would stay the same. President Parker responded by saying yes. The number was the same from the request in August and it was asked to be a recurring contribution.

It was noted that this request is very different from the request of the State Board of Education. Dr. Beard asked if we are going to try and come to some commonality. President Parker replied that at the October State Board of Education meeting a report will be presented to respond to the difference in numbers which is reflected in the request.

Chancellor Pumariega shared that a Department of Education’s budget is more of a recommendation. The Governor’s budget will follow and offers an opportunity for the group to influence the budget before the final stage of the budget release, which is by the Legislature.

President Parker stated for clarification, the recurring budget was cut by $30 million. The department’s budget is restoring that cut, but it is restoring as a Performance Funding not as a recurring item.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. John Grosskopf and a second by Dr. Devin Stephenson the submitted Legislative Budget Request for $286 million was approved unanimously.*

**1.0** **Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2017**

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. John Henningsen and a second by Dr. Carol Probstfeld the June 2, 2017, Policy and Advocacy Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.*

**2.0 Update, 2018 Legislative Session**

President Parker shared that Moore Communications and the Marketing Committee will be working to create and share stories from students at our colleges. Dr. Massey suggested having a timeline of topics. Ms. Karen Moore has been working on that and it will be distributed. President Parker thanked the lobbyist for their collective efforts on the Legislative Budget Request.