

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Friday, January 12, 2018
Tallahassee, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

At 8:30 a.m., on Friday, January 12, 2018, the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee was called to order by Dr. Tom LoBasso. Mr. Michael Brawer took roll of the presidents in the room and on the phone.

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present: (proxy)

Dr. Jim Henningsen (Joe Mazur)	Ms. Ava Parker
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Ed Meadows (Sandy Ray)
Dr. Lawrence Barrett	Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Dr. John Holdnak	Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Stan Sidor	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Eduardo Padron (Lenore Rodicio)	Mr. Joe Pickens
Mr. John Grosskopf	Jim Murdaugh (Scott Balog)
Dr. Devin Stephenson	Dr. Sandy Shugart (Kathleen Plenske)

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present on the phone:

Dr. Jeff Allbritten	Dr. Cynthia Bioteau (Katie Ross)
Dr. Tim Beard	

The following were also present:

Karen Moore	Jaqueline Skryd
Fern Senra	John Gyllin
Madeline Pumariega	Kaylyn Stevenson
Sean White	Joe Davis
Jeremy Hudak	Andrew Barnes
Karinda Barrett	Don Payton
Scott Kittel	Jessica Throckmortan
Suzanne Pridgeon	Mike McKee
Amy Albee	Eric Johnson
Michael Brawer	Andy Treadwell
Marsha Kiner	Victoria Hernandez
Nika Coleman-Ferrell	Jack Capra
Jesse Corraggio (phone)	Rachael Ondrus
Joe Mazur	Ed Woodruff
Sherie Rowland	Liam McClay
	Brian Thomas
	Allyce Heflin

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes October 5, 2017

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Massey and a second by Mr. Grosskopf, the minutes from the November 2, 2017, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.*

1.2 Update, 2018 Legislative Session

President Parker welcomed all who were in attendance and extended a thank you to the trustees who attended 2018 Trustees Commission Legislative Conference. She highlighted the panel with CRC Commissioners Plymale and Washington, which was moderated by Bill Mallowney. Commissioners Plymale and Washington have both filed amendments that will impact the Florida College System. President Parker encouraged everyone to be aware of amended dates that were shared by the chair of the Education Committee, Marva Johnson. The dates of interest are Friday January 19, and 25, as well as Friday February 2. On Friday 25, the amendment filed by Commissioner Plymale should be heard. The other may be heard the following Friday. President Parker will communicate about coming to listen or calling in to listen to the presentation. Chancellor Pumariega recommended having trustees come forward and speak about the thoughtfulness and leadership of trustees, how they are responsive to Workforce. Currently in the CRC, there are two proposals, one mirrors SB 540 and the other one mirrors what's in practice today. If we are going to have a board we have said we would like a board through the Constitution. Also we want to retain local authority, which does not seem to be resonating. Mr Pickens shared that he had spoken with Belinda Kiser and she was interested in hearing from COP about thoughts on the two amendments. President Parker asked the group to look at the CRC list again and see if member are from your community and share your thoughts with them. Mr. Brawer will send the list out to the presidents. Dr. Massey asked the Chancellor if she had seen Commission Plymale's amendment. The Chancellor responded that Commissioner Plymale would be getting that out, currently she is modifying the language. Both Commissioner Plymale and Washington were striking lines to more align language with the FCS views.

President Parker asked all to continue to focus on the budget when meeting with legislators. The we remind them how important it is that the FCS budget be restored plus the additional funding. The House is scheduled to hear 831 next week. President Parker asked Jack Hall to coordinate lobbyist for meetings.

