

**Association of Florida Colleges  
Policy and Advocacy Meeting  
Friday, March 9, 2018  
Tallahassee, FL**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

At 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 9, 2018, Dr. LoBasso called the Policy and Advocacy meeting to order. Mr. 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. Sarah Clemmons	Mr. Devin Stephenson (Mr. John Capra)
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Mrs. Ava Parker
Mr. Jim Richey	Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Lawrence Barrett	Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau (Dr. John Wall)	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. John Holdnak	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Jim Murdaugh (Mr. Scott Balog)
Dr. Stanley Sidor	
Dr. Eduardo Padron (Dr. Lenore Rodicio)	

The following were also present:

Michael Brawer	Jessica Throckmorton
Fern Senra	Andy Treadwell
Madeline Pumariega	Victoria Hernandez
Sean White	Rachel Ondrus
Dr. Carrie Henderson	Ed Woodruff
Randall White	Suzanne Pridgeon
Christine Davis	Allyce Heflin
Jaqueline Skryd	Don Payton

## 1.0 Policy and Advocacy Committee Minutes

### 1.1 Approval, Policy and Advocacy Committee Minutes -February 9, 2018

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Leitzel, the minutes from the February 9, 2018, Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting were approved unanimously.*

## 2.0 Update, 2018 Legislative Session

Ms. Rachael Ondrus gave an update on the 2018 Legislative session. Ms. Ondrus began with an update on Senate Bill 4, related to the Universities. She shared that the freedom of speech language was added to the bill. This means colleges will no longer have designated areas for speech; individuals will only need to register, per a college established policy.

House Bill 7055, new language now makes colleges responsible for covering tuition for private school, dual-enrolled students as well as learning materials for home-schooled dual-enrolled students.

House Bill 75 waives certain post secondary fees for all active service members.

Senate Bill 540, News Service article states that the Senate sponsor says, "It's not looking too good." There is nothing related to SB 540 that was included in proviso language in the proposed budget.

Ms. Ondrus shared that the \$30 million for restoration of funds that was lost last year, was not fully restored. The legislature did include \$6.75 million in the budget for some of that restoration. She shared information on PECO funding for the Florida College System Repair and maintenance received \$35 million and projects with a capital outlay received \$27 million. Special college programs and projects received a little over \$12 million.

Dr. LoBasso thanked everyone who worked and lobbied during this legislative session.

President Parker reminded the Council that it is important to begin preparing for the 2019 session.

Chancellor Pumariega referred to the distributed handout entitled, *Department of Education Fixed Capital Outlay 2018-19*. She reminded this is a draft until the end of session which will be Sunday, March 11, 2018. The Chancellor shared that side by side documents will be sent out once budget details are finalized.

Chancellor Pumariega introduced Cynthia O'Connell of the Florida Pre-Paid Foundation. Ms. O'Connell introduced Casey Fisher, manager of Project Stars. A flyer entitled, *First Generation Student Matching Gift Program for State College System Courtesy of Florida Prepaid College Foundation*, was distributed. Ms. O'Connell explained how the First Generation matching program operates and encouraged the members of the Council to participate in the program.

Dr. LoBasso adjourned the Policy and Advocacy meeting at 8:50 a.m.