

**ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES
FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

Association of Florida Colleges

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Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2019

1.0 Welcome and Remarks – Ava Parker, Chair

President Ava Parker called the February 8, 2019 meeting of the Council of Presidents to order at 8:32 a.m.

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present in the room or on the phone: (proxy)

Sarah Clemmons
Jim Henningsen
Tom LoBasso
Jeff Allbritten
Lawrence Barrett
Jonathan Gueverra (phone)
John Holdnak
Ken Atwater
Ed Massey
Stan Sidor (phone)
Eduardo Padron (E.H. Levering)
John Grosskopf
Ava Parker
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows (Sandy Ray)
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Georgia Lorenz
Thomas Leitzel
Carol Probstfeld
Joe Pickens (phone)
Tonjua Williams (phone)
Jim Murdaugh

President Parker thanked The Moore Agency for their efforts in organizing the press conference with the Florida Economic Development Council. She shared that there were 9 different media agencies present at the press conference.

President Parker referred to prior discussion about putting together a chart in response to the Fund 7 article that had circulated in the House meeting. The article contained a chart that, without any explanation, questioned whether it was telling the true story of what is happening to the funds in the reserves. Ms. Karen Moore came forward and asked the presidents to please provide one sentence that explains their college's use of the Fund 7 balance. An email will be sent to the presidents who were not in attendance or on the phone. The information from the explanations will be shared with the reporter of the original article.

Dr. Beard recognized the Pasco-Hernando State College Presidents Leadership Academy, who were present at the meeting.

2.0 Approval, Council of Presidents Minutes , January 11, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Henningsen and a second by Dr. Leitzel, the minutes from the January 11, 2019, Council of Presidents meeting were approved unanimously.

3.0 Report of the Chair – Ava Parker, Chair

Robert Weissert, with Florida Tax Watch, distributed the first draft of the assessment of the economic impacts of the Florida College System. Mr. Weissert shared that the report is a comparative analysis of the system to other states as well as a return on investments for students and the state of Florida. Mr. Weissert asked the presidents to reply to Michael Brawer him with any feedback by Thursday, February 14, 2019. Mr. Weissert did make note that the distributed is a working draft and is not for distribution. President Parker requested that Mr. Weissert send the electronic version of the draft to Mr. Brawer by end of day so that Mr. Brawer could send to all presidents to allow enough time for presidents to respond with any comments.

Dr. Lorenz asked about regional data for the colleges. Mr. Weissert was not aware of the region portion, but would discuss further with Mr. Brawer. Mr. Brawer shared that collection of region data was discussed earlier however that was not included in the scope of work and the cost was a factor. Mr. Brawer will follow up with Mr. Weissert on the cost of regional data for the colleges.

Dr. Leitzel asked Mr. Weissert if the Council could join in the press release. Mr. Weissert shared that he will work with The Moore Agency on the press release.

4.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Kathy Hebda, Acting Chancellor

Ms. Hebda reported that Governor Desantis has released his budget which contains some education budget highlights, some pertaining to the college system. There is an overall \$45 million increase, which includes \$26 million in workforce funds and \$10 million for Pathways for career opportunity grants, which are described as opportunities for funding partnerships between school districts and colleges, specifically around apprenticeships and other work-related job experiences. She also shared that there is a program called The Last Mile which is funding that is designed for students who are close to completing either an Associate's Degree or Bachelor of Science Degree. Also included is an increase to help cover the cost of the Industry Certifications.

Ms. Hedba shared that a Math Pathways workgroup will meet at Polk State College on February 13-

14.

Ms. Hebda shared that the Pi Theta Kappa All Academic Awards ceremony will be Thursday, April 4, at the Gaylord Palms Resort.

Ms. Hebda introduced the newest member of the Division of Florida Colleges staff, Caleb Hawkes. Mr. Hawkes joins the Division as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, Rod Duckworth, Chancellor

Mr. Duckworth shared that the Division of Career and Adult Education is excited with the Governor's Executive Order to audit the Career and Technical Education programs as it will strengthen the pathway for all students. He shared that the Division is also looking forward to working with the Florida College System on the \$10 million the Governor has set for Pathways as well as the additional dollars that were received for Performance Funding. Additional funding was included to help provided an equalization of the workforce dollars that programs received to help get everyone back to 100%.

Dr. Gueverra expressed concern about the proposal in the Governor's Executive Order to determine the CTE offerings, through the audits that are being conducted, what will be continued or discontinued. He shared that when everything is lumped together at the statewide level, the needs of the local communities are ignored. Mr. Duckworth replied that it is early in the process of determining how the audit will be conducted, however, once there is some direction it would be good to include some comments and input as to how it should look and how it should be approached.

Dr. Holdnak asked when the window opens for modification of the Industry Certification list. Mr. Duckworth stated he would find out and share that date with the Council.

Ms. Hebda shared that there should be two types of input when crafting the CTE audit. First, input of what would be looked at in the audit and second, input from stakeholders.

Dr. Massey mentioned pulling the OESC group in and giving them the responsibility of conducting a review across the system of pulling the CTE programs together and basing it on data in terms of jobs, how it relates to career source. Dr. Massey and Dr. Holdnak volunteered to oversee the OESC subcommittee. President Parker asked Dr. Alexander to also work with the group. President Parker asked that a conference call be set up soon to discuss the effort.

6.0 Presentation, Computer Programs Partnership – Apple Connection, Dr. Jay Matheson, Dr. Amanda Orndorff, U.S. Higher Education, Development Executives, Apple

Dr. Matheson and Dr. Orndorff shared a presentation of a potential computer programming partner with Apple Connection to the Council. They highlighted three major trends in technology, social, technological, and financial. Dr. Orndorff stated that she would follow up with the presidents via email.

President Parker asked about system wide engagement. Dr. Orndorff replied that Apple works at the state level to develop courses and course codes and guidance through the curriculum which is available for free.

President Parker asked Dr. Atwater to share with the Council about some opportunities for apprenticeship dollars with AACC. Dr. Atwater shared that recently the Department of Labor, in

working with the AACC, made a big award in support of expanding apprenticeship trainings. The announcement should come out soon with further details.

At 9:38 a.m. President Parker asked Dr. Murdaugh to convene the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting.

7.0 AFC Policy & Advocacy Committee, Jim Murdaugh, Chair

See handout 2.2

8.0 COP Committee and Work Group Reports

8.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee – Ed Massey

Dr. Massey shared that the Committee will meet on February 27 and will have a report for the next Council of Presidents meeting.

8.2 Distance Learning Committee – Stan Sidor and Jonathan Gueverra

No Report

8.3 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – John Holdnak and John Grosskopf

Dr. Holdnak shared that there have been many questions regarding the rate increases. He encouraged presidents who could to join in the FCSRMC meetings which happen three times a year in Orlando. Dr. Holdnak thanked Ms. Heflin for her efforts in getting Representative Fetterhoff to file a bill requesting the funds for the Risk Management Consortium be restored.

Dr. Holdnak asked Mr. Fagler to explain the action items. Mr. Fagler referred to the distributed books (green and cream) which detail the action items. The books are also available on the AFC website.

Mr. Fagler shared that the Consortium is asking for the ratification of a nearly 13% increase and directed the Council to view the breakdown which begins on page 2 in the green book. Mr. Fagler reminded that the Consortium asks for a payment on March 1 and a payment on July 1. He explained in between the two payments, if the LBR request go through the payments will stay as they are planned. If the request is not met, there will be an additional amount added to the payment. In addition there will have to be an emergency operations meeting to review in late March and then the Consortium will come back and report on the additional amount.

Dr. Barrett asked if the ratification was based on the Legislative Budget Request being accepted. Mr. Fagler explained that the action item is based on the LBR being accepted, if not the Consortium will come back after a meeting in late March and the additional amount will need to be approved.

8.3.1 Ratify, 2019-2020 Property/Casualty and Administration Budget

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Barrett the 2019-2020 Property/Casualty and Administration Budget was ratified unanimously.

8.3.2 Ratify, Plan document updates: Participant Definition and Defense Limit

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by President Grosskopf the Plan document updates: Participation and Defense Limit was ratified

unanimously.

Mr. Fagler introduced Mr. Tony Ganstine who will be the Associate Executive Director beginning March 1.

8.4 Funding Formula Workgroup –Carol Probstfeld

No Report

8.5 Media and Public Relations Committee – Tom Leitzel and Jeff Allbritten

Report was discussed previously by Ms. Karen Moore.

8.6 Career Tech/Workforce Committee – Ed Meadows, Chair

No Report

8.7 Dual Enrollment Committee – Jim Murdaugh, Chair

No Report

9.0 COP Support Councils Reports

9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs – Julie Alexander

Dr. Alexander shared that the Council will meet at Florida State College at Jacksonville on February 20-21.

9.2 Council of Student Affairs – Marielena DeSanctis

Dr. DeSanctis shared that the matrix of all 28 colleges institutional requirements should be complete in March.

9.3 Council of Business Affairs – Report Submitted, Dr. Lynn Powers

Dr. Powers referred to the Council report which is available on the AFC website. She did share that a subcommittee was formed to work with the CIO subcommittee on the IT cybersecurity framework project. President Parker requested a timeline from the subcommittee for when the group can come back to the Council of Presidents.

9.4 Council of Resource Development – John Gyllin

Dr. Gyllin shared the Council will have a board call on February 21, to discuss the Spring Conference which will be April 10.

President Parker asked Dr. Gyllin to work with Ms. Heflin Prior to the FCRD board call to work on a description of the dollars in each colleges DSO balance.

10.0 Florida College System Activities Association – Stan Sidor and Kelly Warren

Ms. Warren referred to her report which was distributed. She read through and highlighted recent events.

Dr. Massey asked Ms. Warren if there was any legislation directed at the Florida College System Activities Association. Ms. Warren was not, she has heard talk that one college has expressed a want to move to playing NCAA sports. IT was shared with the group that SB 798 had just been filled on Wednesday, February 6, by Mayfield. The bill would authorize Florida College System institutions to participate in intercollegiate athletics beyond the 2-year level. At this time there is no House bill companion. Ms. Warren will update the Council on the bill at the next meeting.

11.0 Association of Florida Colleges – Michael Brawer and Marjorie McGee

Mr. Brawer shared that an email will be sent out requesting a commitment from the presidents about how many individuals from each college will be attending the Behavioral Intervention Team Training in July. Mr. Brawer shared a copy of the Association's 2018 Annual Report. He also updated the Council on the upcoming AFC Conference on College Teaching and Learning Conference that will be held April 3-5 in St. Petersburg. He also shared information on the awards that will be presented at the conference. Mr. Brawer also announced that the COP Annual Conference will be held June 5-7 in conjunction with FACU. Location information is still being finalized and will be shared soon.

Ms. McGee gave an update on the recent AFC Leadership Conference that was held at Seminole State College. The conference had 61 attendees. She highlighted the Presidential Panel and thanked Dr. Lorenz, Dr. Henningsen and Dr. Williams for their participation. Ms. McGee announced that on the final day of the conference the attendees raised funds to support Chipola College in their effort to plant new trees to replace many of the trees that were lost during Hurricane Michael. As a result AFC leaders were able to raise enough money for four trees.

Ms. McGee plans to give the Council an update on the Association's 2019 goals at the March meeting.

Dr. Leitzel asked for an update on the Trustees Legislative Conference. Mr. Brawer shared that the Conference will take place at the FSU University Center Club. He shared that the agenda is still being finalized.

President Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**Association of Florida Colleges
Policy and Advocacy Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2019
Tallahassee, Florida**

At 9:38 a.m. President Parker asked Dr. Murdaugh to convene the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting.

7.0 AFC Policy & Advocacy Committee, Jim Murdaugh, Chair

7.1 Approval of Minutes, January 12, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Probstfeld and a second by Dr. Barrett the Policy and Advocacy minutes from the January 12, 2019, Committee meeting were approved as read.

7.2 Update, FCSSGA Legislative Days – Adam Maxwell, SGA President

Mr. Maxwell gave an update on the FCSSGA activities during their Legislative Days. He shared that 230 students attended the event. He also referred to a distributed document that states the group's mission and 2018-19 platform.

On behalf of the FCSSGA, Mr. Maxwell shared that a truckload of supplies collected from the groups service project, had been delivered to Gulf Coast State College to aid in relief after Hurricane Michael. Mr. Maxwell presented, on behalf of the FCSSGA board and students across the state, a signed banner of support to Dr. Holdnak.

Dr. Murdaugh asked Mr. Maxwell to explain the process that FCSSGA takes in developing their platform. Mr. Maxwell explained that beginning in September, at the Presidents Assembly, planks are voted on, then in November, at the Leadership Conference, platforms and the points that the group would be for and against are voted on, then in February the group takes stances on the items that were previously voted on.

7.3 Update, AFC Legislative Days – Marjorie McGee, 2018 AFC President

Ms. McGee gave an update on the Association of Florida Colleges Legislative Days. She shared that 30 attendees from 11 colleges that attended the event. Ms. McGee shared some highlights from the agenda.

Dr. Murdaugh asked President Pickens and Ms. Heflin to give an update on recent legislative meetings. President Pickens shared the history and gave an update on multi-state compact, SREB. He stated that the previous Commissioner made a unilateral decision a couple of years ago to not pay the SREB dues, even though money was appropriated for it. He shared that SREB is the conduit to NC-SARA. If Florida is not a member of SREB, then Florida is subject to not being a part of NC-SARA. After meeting with Legislators, he feels that the Legislature seems intent on having a line item that directs the new Commissioner to pay the SREB dues moving forward. Perhaps SREB will let go of the past two years of no dues, nearly \$400,000.

Ms. Heflin shared that Chairman Sprowls gave some advice about the Technical Center policy issues. After the meeting the group felt that when he becomes Speaker, he will value the Florida College System.

Ms. Heflin followed up on PECO. She shared that in the Governor's Recommended Budget he added about \$200 million of general revenue to the PECO cash and he funded a total of \$570 million in the PECO trust fund. Not much of that was for the Florida College System, and he did not include a bond in his proposed budget.

Ms. Heflin shared the Public Integrity and Ethics Committee met and had a report of state college audit findings. She referred to the survey that was sent out by the Committee staff requesting information about college user fees, specifically the legal authority through which a college feels they can levy certain user fees such as parking fees and transportation access fees. Ms. Heflin referred to a table of the findings which has the exact audit number that each college had findings. The staff reached out to Ms. Heflin after the meeting to ask if the colleges would be willing to engage in a conversation, at the direction of the chair. The survey will be sent out again and ask for each college to respond with more of a legal brief of what the colleges general council have advised as to the legal authority interpretation of that statutory citation that gives the power to levy the fee. Ms. Heflin shared that the items discussed in the committee meeting were parking fees charged even if a student was not driving and transportation access fees that are being levied without the authority to do so. President Parker asked if the information needs to be submitted now or if the Committee will be reaching out to the colleges asking to supplement the report. Ms. Heflin shared that the recommendation was that the survey would be resent and to respond then. President Parker asked if COBA would have a conversation with Ms. Heflin so that responses are given correctly. Dr. Massey asked if the agreements with the foundations were a part of the conversations. Ms. Heflin replied they were a part of the meeting packet that went out with the fund transfers. Dr. Massey also asked for a copy of the chart of audit findings. Mr. Brawer will get that chart out via email.

President Pickens asked about a meeting with Representative Stargel asking about Health insurance. Dr. Murdaugh shared that conversation about the funding request came up and Representative Stargel. Dr. Murdaugh mentioned to her about the possibility of the college system becoming part of the bargaining system with the Universities for health insurance. Ms. Heflin shared that she has briefly spoken with her about it. Ms. Heflin referred to the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium's need based on the recent storms and backfilling the amount of payout that has gone out for the impacts of those storms. On Tuesday Representative Fetterhoff submitted a bill for an appropriations budget request for \$18 million, which was based on the total buying institution from the last two years. Ms. Heflin will share the bill number as it is available. Dr. Atwater asked if that \$18 million would impact the request for increase. Dr. Holdnak replied that money was borrowed from the work compensation reserves to pay catastrophic retained losses. He shared then when hit by a hurricane the deductible was small; the real deductible was 3 % of the reserve value. Due to all the recent catastrophic hits, rates are going up everywhere. The pot that is being asked for is to restore the reserves so that if there is another catastrophic hit from storms over the next few years, we are able to pay the deductibles for the insurance. He shared that if we

are unable to get this, in addition to the increases, then there will have to be a discussion about an amount that all colleges will have to pay to help restore part of the reserves. Ms. Heflin replied, in response to Dr. Atwater's question, that the increase request is coming from two different places. She stated that Senator Gainer and Representative Turnbull have been coordinating an effort to put together a hurricane relief package. This request would be part of that package. The \$18 million request would not impact the overall request for an increase.

Dr. Murdaugh thanked Chancellor Hebda for setting up the meeting with Commissioner Corcoran. He shared that the Commission seemed very open and invited, he was inquisitive and interested in the college system. Commission Corcoran is interested in the audit findings and entertained a discussion on the budget.

Dr. Murdaugh asked that all presidents make a commitment to take the materials provided by Moore Communications and deliver them to members during meetings. It is important to show that the college system is speaking with a unified voice.

Ms. Karen Moore shared that at the prior press conference Senator Gruters and Representative Driscoll had proclamations naming next week (February 11-15) Florida Economic Development Week. Ms. Moore encouraged the presidents to reinforce that at their colleges. Ms. Moore passed around several pictures from the press conference.

Mr. Logan Lewkow shared with the Council, about the partnerships that have been put together. He shared that Dr. Holdnak and D. Garcia-Falconetti spoke with the Florida Chamber about the initiatives that each are pushing forward in their area, workforce development, and how the colleges supplement what the 2030 report is pushing forward as a whole. He stated that the Florida Chamber is ready to capture each president's perspective on those topics. Mr. Lewkow share that February is CTE month, Moore Communications will be utilizing the previously recorded videos from the presidents that show how powerful the Florida College Systems CTE programs are.

Ms. Moore shared that any social media posts that are pushed out recognizing an individual institution, Moore will tag the House and Senate member in hope that they will share with the community as well. Ms. Moore reminded the Council to use and distribute the materials that have been created. Ms. Moore emphasized the importance that tweeting, as it has become the new way to communicate. She stated that 87% of the Florida House and Senate recognized that a tweet was instrumental in forming their impression of an organization, but more importantly 62% of the time a tweet helped in determining how they would vote on an issue.

Dr. Murdaugh adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at 10:23 a.m.

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES
FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
Andrew's Downstairs
SPECIAL ADVOCACY BUSINESS MEETING
March 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Remarks – Ava Parker, Chair

President Parker called the Special Advocacy Business Meeting of the Council of Presidents to order.

Mr. Brawer took roll of the presidents in the room and on the phone:

Greg Haile
Sarah Clemmons
Tom LoBasso
Jeff Allbritten
Ken Atwater
Stanley Sidor
Eduardo Padron (Lenore Rodicio)
Ava Parker
Ed Meadows
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Georgia Lorenz
Thomas Leitzel
Carol Probstfeld (Todd Fritch)
Joe Pickens
Tonjua Williams

The Council had a quorum of 15 members.

Ms. Heflin shared that the House and Senate higher education budgets will be released next week. The Committee meetings will take place on Wednesday, March 20.

President Parker shared that Tim Elwell suggested that there will be changes in the Performance Funding. She asked Ms. Heflin and the lobbying team to do an analysis of what is in the budget. Ms. Heflin shared that it would be helpful for presidents to reach out to Senate leaders in their delegation and remind them of the Florida College System budget ask and thank them for their support of the system. Ms. Heflin will be emailing, presidents who have House Committee members in their delegation, some talking points to help deliver the message.

Ms. Heflin stated that it would be important to have talking points that address the transfers from Fund 1 to Fund 7 as well as PECO. Ms. Heflin will take care of the Fund 1 to Fund 7 points. She asked the presidents for statements that would apply to the system and explain why the funding of PECO should not be overlooked.

Ms. Heflin asked the Council for direction in working with the staff and committee members on the language on a few policy bills dealing with career pathways and dual enrollment. She specifically asked for guidance in the current language of House Bill 7071. After much discussion the Council concluded that they would like to work with the Department of Education to create a statewide articulation process. Ms. Bonlarron asked the Council if drafting an amendment stating the associate degrees would stay at the colleges. The Council was in favor of drafting language for an amendment.

Ms. Heflin shared there are currently four bills dealing with dual enrollment. House Bill 189 and Senate Bill 1342 would prohibit the state colleges from charging private school dual enrolled students' tuition. Commissioner Corcoran recognized that there is a cost in providing schooling to these students, currently there is no legislation that would compensate that cost. Ms. Heflin shared that the lobbying team has been working to document what the cost is at each institution. The college lobbyists have also been gathering the data that shows how many private school dual enrollment students are enrolled at each college. President Parker asked if an email could be forwarded to Mr. Brawer so he could send to the college president who do not have internal lobbyist currently working on this effort. Dr. Atwater stated that homeschool dual enrolled students should be included in the data, just for information as they also do not pay for schooling at the state colleges. President Parker shared that it is important that the compensation for these students needs to be funded outside of the budget request. Ms. Hedba will share the concerns that were discussed with Commissioner Corcoran as he is open to improving the bill. President Parker asked if there was a way to incentivize this with performance funding. Chancellor Hedba responded that Tim Elwell is the only one currently interested in changing performance funding. Chancellor Hedba asked if the Council would want to entertain having an external group come in and look the current performance model and make recommendations in collaboration with the Council. President Parker stated that the Council would view the Senate model first, then move forward with thoughts of using the external group for making recommendations.

President Parker asked about the status of the amendment that was filled to allow for Florida College System colleges to participate in four-year sports. Both the House and Senate have filled bills.

Dr. Meadows made a motion that the COP as a system, does not support any bill that would remove the Florida College System from the current NJCAA designation for athletics or authorize any Florida College System institution to do so. Dr. Sidor seconded the motion. President Parker made it clear that this was not to target any single college, but as what is best for the system currently. Dr. Allbritten stated that he was not in favor of the motion. All others present approved the motion. In total there were 14 presidents who approved the motion and one that did not approve the motion.

President Haile mentioned that the COP has had discussion about the potential to move forward with legislation that would allow moving forward with altering dual enrollment regulations. Currently a student needs a 3.0 GPA to participate, however there are students who are below 3.0 but could perform academically at the collegiate level. He shared that currently he is looking for language that would allow for a pilot program of institutions that are interested and willing to participate. He said they would be looking at students in the top 25% or those who have at 2.5 GPA. President Haile will be sending out an email to find out what colleges would be interested in the pilot program. President Parker called on the lobbyist to begin working on language that would amend expanding dual enrollment. Chancellor Hedba shared this is currently being done with the Accuplacer test. Ms. Heflin mentioned taking that idea back to Commissioner Corcoran to see if he would support that kind of change for dual enrollment. Chancellor Hedba was in favor of taking the idea to Commissioner Corcoran.

Chancellor Hedba shared that she would be emailing some staffing changes at the Division.

Karen Moore reminded the Council that the TaxWatch results need to be shared. The TaxWatch press conference is available to anyone who would like to view it, it can be found on the AFC website and Facebook. Ms. Moore asked Mr. Brawer to send it to the college presidents. Ms. Moore encouraged the presidents to talk about the return on investment. Ms Moore reminded the presidents that if they need any help with messaging to please reach out to her. Ms. Moore also shared that her staff will be delivering copies of the TaxWatch report to all members of the House and Senate.

President Pickens mentioned the \$18.6 million insurance reserves reimbursement to the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium. He shared that he had met with Tim Elwell conceptually it seems like something that everyone thinks should be done. Ms. Heflin shared that Mr. Elwell asked to write the proviso and make sure that Representative Cummings is aware of it.

Dr. Williams asked on behalf of Dr. Probstfeld that if you have any pass-through funds in your base budget, it should be removed or that will be assumed as part of your funds.

President Parker shared that Mr. Brawer will be sending out an email regarding the April meeting. There may be changes to the current date and location.

President Parker adjourned the Special Advocacy Business Meeting of the Council of Presidents at 6:46 p.m.

Council of Presidents
Legislative Update Teleconference
March 22, 2019

Presidents who were present on the call:

Greg Haile
Sarah Clemmons
Jim Richey
John Holdnak
Ken Atwater (Eric Johnson)
Ed Massey
Stanley Sidor
Eduardo Padron (E.H. Levering)
John Grosskopf
Devin Stephenson (Jack Capra)
Ava Parker
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows (Sandy Ray)
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Georgia Lorenz (Don Payton)

President Parker asked the lobbyists on the call from Southern Strategy Group to discuss recommended strategies for the Council to follow as well as discuss as a Council any marketing strategies.

Allyce Heflin detailed the budget proposals from the House and Senate. She referenced some documents that had been previously emailed to the Council by Rachael Bonlarron. The House budget has an increase of \$4 million. The Senate budget has an increase of \$99.2 million.

President Parker asked about the use of carry-forward money. Ms. Heflin shared that is in the conforming bill, House Bill 5501. The bill would restrict colleges ability to spend carry-forward funds. Colleges would need to have the spending plan approved by the State Board of Education. Ms. Heflin shared the bill would increase the percent of required reserves from 5% to 7%. The bill also prohibits the transfer of funds from Fund 1 to Fund 7, unless prior approval has been given through the General Appropriations Act or the Legislative Budget Commission.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez asked if there was any information on the cohort being used to determine the points in performance funding. Ms. Heflin referred to a metrics spreadsheet that was shared from Tim Elwell.

Dr. Murdaugh asked about the timing of moving funds from Fund 1 to Fund 7 after legislative approval. Ms. Heflin replied that it would be very difficult. Dr. Murdaugh asked if there was a possibility to point out to the House the difficulties of such a challenging timeline. President Pickens shared one option could be that the approval has to come from the state board with set parameters.

President Parker shared that the Council should encourage the Senate to keep things the way they are, as it would be impossible to conduct business based upon any proposed changes. After the call, President Parker hopes to have some talking points drafted to send to college presidents and lobbyists.

Presidents Parker asked if there was more information about the performance model proposed by Tim Elwell from the Senate. As previously discussed, the Council had decided to wait until the model from the Senate was released and then possibly move forward with contracting an outside party to take a look at the current model and discuss possible changes. Ms. Heflin shared that she felt that Mr. Elwell would be open to input about possible changes, from the Council. She stated that any input or recommendations would need to get to him by week 6.

President Parker asked that everyone be prepared to participate in another call next week. An email will be sent from Mr. Brawer about the call.

Karen Moore discussed the marketing strategy. She asked the presidents to address and thank members of the Senate as well as reference the TaxWatch report. She also asked that presidents speak one on one with their local House members and address specific impacts to their institution.

Ms. Moore shared that a geotargeted social media strategy is in place with the thank you message to the Senate.

President Parker asked about the best way to share information to the group. Rachael Bonlarron agreed to have the college lobbyists work to create a document of weekly updates that would be sent out to the college presidents and the lobbyists.

Allyce shared that it would be helpful to have a college president present during the House Appropriations Committee meeting on March 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dr. Murdaugh stated that he would plan to attend.

Council of Presidents
Legislative Update Teleconference
March 29, 2019

Presidents who were present on the call:

Jim Henningsen (Jessica Kummerle)
Tom LoBasso
Jim Richey
Jeff Allbritten
Lawrence Barrett
John Holdnak (Sheryl Flaxhiman)
Ken Atwater
Ed Massey
Stanley Sidor
Eduardo Padron
John Grosskopf (Andy Barnes)
Devin Stephenson (Jack Capra)
Ava Parker
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
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Thomas Leitzel
Carol Probstfeld (Bob Fritch)
Joe Pickens
Tonjua Williams
Jim Murdaugh
Sandy Shugart (Bill Mallowney)

President Parker asked Ms. Heflin to speak to the response from Tim Elwell regarding some questions that had been sent from Dr. Sidor. Before Ms. Heflin addressed the Council, Dr. Atwater shared that Hillsborough Community College supports the Senate recommendation for the new Performance Funding model. Dr. Padron also stated the he supports the proposal. Dr. Sidor stated that Lake-Sumter State College supports the Senate's recommendation. Dr. Sidor was joined on the line with Dr. Wymer, who has completed an extensive review of the model. He shared that there are some items that will need to be addressed, but overall he feels it is a good move since it also remove the base at risk. President Parker shared that the idea of removing the base at risk makes the Senate's proposal very attractive. President Parker asked if anyone, on the line, would not be in favor of moving forward with the Senate's recommendation. She stated that choosing to move forward with the Senate's

recommendation would not eliminate the option to work with the Commissioner's office and consult with an outside party.

Dr. Meadows asked what the major points of the Senate's recommendation were. Ms. Bonlarron replied that with the recommendation, the system would have the 2+2 Student Success Performance Funding Initiative for \$28 million and the Work Florida Initiative for \$12 million. On top of that would be the \$38 million more to the state. With the \$38 million that was in addition to the base from last year, it would include \$15.5 million in compression funding and \$22.5 million in the program fund formula. The \$60 million performance piece that has been in the budget the last couple of years would not come into play, which means there would be no removal of institutional dollars that would be up for loss. It would be only \$40 million for Performance Funds with the new \$28 million for the 2+2 and the \$12 million for Work Florida. President Parker added that the other items that were focused on were graduation at 150% and 200%. Also, colleges would no longer be compared to other colleges, and focused on if you are improving year after year. The Senate is also interested in the success of the gateway courses. She also shared that it appears to be retrospective as it looks at what happened in the immediate past year and then in turn says of the amount of money that are going to be identified as new dollars, each institution will receive this amount.

Ms. Heflin asked permission to share the document from Dr. Sidor directly with Tim Elwell. Dr. Sidor agreed. Don Payton shared that he as a document he also wants to share.

President Parker asked Ms. Heflin to ask Tim Elwell for clarification on the Workforce Funding and how they assign those dollars. Ms. Heflin responded that the dollars would be related to the colleges Workforce Program.

Dr. Meadows made a motion to support the new performance model from the Senate. Dr. Sidor seconded the motion. The members of the Council who were present on the conference call approved the motion.

President Parker referred to a form from the House Education Appropriations Committee that looked at fund balances. She stated that the Council began to develop a counter form that talked about what was actually going on with the colleges' money in the fund balances. She stated that when all the information from the forms were turned in, the information was found to be so diverse that it made it nearly impossible to create the counter form that would include all the information and explanations. She felt that it was a good idea to revisit a form that was originally created by Chancellor Pumariega. President Parker is working on a new version of that form.

Ms. Heflin shared that both the House and Senate passed their budgets and their conforming legislation out of Committee this week and put them on special order. They will both be hearing their budgets on the floor Wednesday of next week and after the budgets pass and the House passes its conforming bill, those bills go to the other chamber to be concurred.

President Parker thanked Dr. Murdaugh for testifying this week in the House on HB 5501. Ms. Heflin detailed the bill. Dr. LoBasso asked about the points that Dr. Murdaugh used in his testimony. Those talking points will be shared with Council. President Parker recommended to the Council to share the concerns about this bill with their local senators. The talking points that were created and used by Dr. Murdaugh will be helpful when speaking with senators.

Karen Moore encouraged the Council to localize conversations that they have with members. Logan Lewkow asked the Council to continue reminding their college PIOs to use the media items that have been created. He also shared that an external social media toolkit is in the works that presidents will be able to share.

President Parker asked if the group would like to plan for another call next week. The group agreed that another call would be helpful. The call was adjourned.

Council of Presidents
Legislative Update Teleconference
April 5, 2019

The call began at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Presidents who were present on the call:

Greg Haile
Jim Henningsen (Jessica Kummerle)
Tom LoBasso
John Holdnak
Ken Atwater
Ed Massey
Stanley Sidor
Eduardo Padron (E.H. Levering)
John Grosskopf
Devin Stephenson (Jack Capra)
Ava Parker
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Georgia Lorenz (Don Payton)
Thomas Leitzel
Carol Probstfeld
Jim Murdaugh (Candice Grause)

President Parker congratulated Dr. Massey and Indian River State College as well as Dr. Padron and Miami Dade College on their recent Aspen Awards.

Allyce Heflin gave a legislative update. She shared that the House and the Senate passed their budgets off the floor earlier this week, so we are now ready for budget conference. Currently there are no budget conference allocations. There have been rumors that President Galvano said they will take their time doing the allocations and likely will not start budget conference meetings until April 22 at the earliest. The next two weeks for the budget could move a little slower, but for the policy bills it could cause some running around and worry. The main policy bill that has caused concern for the Florida College System is HB 5501. This bill was originally traveling with the budget as the budget conforming bill, but on Wednesday was temporarily postponed. House Bill 5501 does not have a Senate companion, however there are Senate higher education bills that are moving and could tack on language from HB 5501. There are three bills in the House that could be used or already have some part of what is in HB 5501. Ms. Heflin shared that the college lobbyists are tracking those bills very closely.

Rachael Bonlarron asked Ms. Heflin to talk about the self-insurance consortium funds for the Florida College System that were put into the budget by Senator Bradley. Ms. Heflin responded by reminding the Council that both the Senate and House have been asked to bond the \$18 million of payout that came out of the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium over the last couple of years due to hurricane impacts. Initially this was not included in either budget; Senator Bradley did an amendment to add in that funding, however he took the funds from the PECO maintenance line item from the colleges.

Ms. Heflin shared that House Bill 189 and Senate Bill 1342 are the main dual enrollment bills. Senator Stargel is the sponsor in the Senate and Representative Zika is the sponsor in the House. Both bills were heard and amended. Last week the House bill was amended to remove the fiscal impact to the state colleges, and then this week it was amended to put the same language back in the bill and make it a little harder on the system. President Haile asked if there was any system-wide data on the headcount of dual enrollment. Ms. Heflin said there is 2017-18 data on the head count of private school and homeschool students who were dual enrolled in at least one course. The 2017-18 cost of at least one course (3 credit hours) for those populations is about \$1.3 million. The Senate Bill has been amended to lower the GPA for student eligibility from 3.0 to 2.5. Ms. Heflin shared that she has spoken with Senator Stargel's aide to see if she would be interested in a pilot program to see how the change would work with students who are seemingly not as prepared as others. Senator Stargel's office has asked for a reply of how many colleges would be interested in the pilot program. Ms. Heflin shared that she has heard from several school districts that do not support lowering the GPA. Dr. LoBasso shared that having the statute to create certain programs and waive the 3.0 GPA to a blanket 2.5 GPA might create a greater financial impact on the system. Dr. Sidor asked if there has been any discussion about the money following the student. Ms. Heflin was not aware such discussions, she did say that for private and homeschool students there isn't any money to follow the student unless they are tax credit scholarship students in private school. Dr. Beard shared that the 2.5 GPA is concerning to him as there are currently issues even with students who have a 3.0 GPA. He said it is setting some students up for failure. President Haile shared that he was an early supporter of the pilot program as it was something that the Council had previously discussed. He shared some ways that Broward College is actively working to help all students succeed. President Haile feels a pilot program would be a great idea. Any president who is interested in the idea of a dual enrollment pilot program should contact Allyce Heflin. Dr. Holdnak made the Council aware that career certificate dual enrollment courses only require a 2.0 GPA. Dr. LoBasso made it clear that Daytona State College would be open to change that would allow such ability to develop a special program with the school district if needed. President Parker stated that the dual enrollment initiative seems to be important to both House and Senate leadership and will move forward. Ms. Heflin replied that due to how it is described by Representative Zika and Senator Stargel it seems to be a big priority. Their words used included, "removing barriers", "students having the opportunity", "ensuring that all students, regardless of where they are taking courses are served in the same way." The House perception is that colleges are putting up barriers for private school and homeschool students to take dual enrollment courses and the intent of the bill is to remove those barriers. Ms. Heflin advised the Council to be cautious on taking a position. President Parker made it clear that she was not suggesting taking a position; she just wanted everyone to be aware of what was

going on with the bill. Dr. Falconetti shared that she will be following up with Ms. Heflin on this issue as she has received an inquiry from Senator Stargel's office about her perspective on this issue. Dr. Beard shared that he has shared with Representative Zika that "we support education to the highest degree, but we need the funding to carry out his request." Ms. Bonlarron shared that in the meeting when Representative Zika presented his amendment, he did state that it would be a cost to the colleges of \$5-7 billion. On top of that, there is a provision that was placed into HB 7071 for public schools being able to utilize their buses in order to transport students to colleges for career education programs. Ms. Bonlarron will provide a summary in her weekly legislative update.

President Parker asked Ms. Heflin if there were any other budget or policy that need to be discussed. Ms. Heflin replied that there are four big policy bills that are related to higher education, they are primarily focused on Universities, but they could be a vehicle used to tack on policies to state colleges. Ms. Heflin shared that there is a lot of focus on the House as that is where most of the policy items are coming from. Ms. Bonlarron shared that while it seemed that HB 381 had been killed, which would allow for school districts to offer Associates of Science Degrees in nursing, there is a chance that it will come back in the Senate. Since there was no Senate companion to HB 381, it does not have to be heard by a committee prior to being amended onto a bill in the Senate. However there could be a point of order called if it moves over into the House and this language is amended. Ms. Bonlarron asked if any president could contact their legislators to let them know about the conversations that have taken place in regard to the amendment to the language of the bill.

Dr. Meadows suggested that the Council work with a favorable legislator to file a bill that states that any Technical Center that feels the need to meet workforce needs and offer Associate Degrees would be placed under and a part of the Florida College System and merged into an existing district college in the area. He shared that strategy would send a clear message that if they feel compelled to compete for dollars, degrees and students, that there should be only one segment of higher education doing that and therefore they would be absorbed into the Florida College System. Dr. Holdnak agreed and has had conversations with legislators on the matter. Dr. LoBasso shared that there needs to be a conversation about what the Technical Centers are trying to do with adding the Associate Degrees. Dr. Meadows stated that the Council needs to have a long range goal with an amendment to make it known that the Florida College System is not going to stand by and let this happen. Dr. Falconetti agreed and asked what would be the best way to stall or stop this. Ms. Heflin replied that it is rumored the amendment will be added to a Senate Bill, but currently there is nothing to proactively block or counter amend. As previously mentioned since the bill does not have a Senate companion, it could be added to a Senate bill. Once it passes the Senate and passes to the House, then the Council could find someone in the House to make a point of order based on Senate rules. Dr. Probstfeld asked if the Council should prepare language that in the event the bill is amended, then the Council is ready with language to counter amend. Ms. Heflin agreed that language should be prepared, but it will depend on which bill this will be added to and whether this is a leadership priority bill. President Parker asked the lobbyists to prepare language that could be used when needed and also to give an update on this item at next week's meeting.

President Parker asked Ms. Helfin for an idea of what next week would look like in the legislature. Ms. Helfin shared that on Tuesday the House Education Committee would be meeting. The agenda has not yet been posted. On Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. there will be an appropriations Committee meeting. Presidents should have a chance to meet with Senate delegation members on Wednesday and Thursday. As far as House delegations Wednesday and Thursday mornings may be best.

President Parker shared that she is still working on the form that discusses fund balances.

President Haile asked about the language in the House Bill that would require colleges to have 7% in their reserve balance, if there was less than that, colleges would have to find a way to make it up. Ms. Helfin replied that bill was temporarily postponed on the floor.

Mr. Brawer shared that the meeting next week in Tallahassee would be at the TCC Capitol Center on Thursday, April 11. Presidents Professional Development will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the Business meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Karen Moore shared that over 100 college stories have been shared recently. The Moore Agency is geofencing the Capital with digital media. She has received calls for additional copies of the TaxWatch report. Presidents were encouraged to contact Karen Moore or Michael Brawer if they need additional copies.

President Parker adjourned the call at 11:40 a.m.