**ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES  
FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
Association of Florida Colleges  
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**Meeting Minutes**

* 1. **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.

1. **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.*
2. **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.
3. **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 Hawks. Mr. Hawks joins the Division as the Director of Legislative Affairs.
4. **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 addition 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 window open 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 inputwhen 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.
5. **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.
6. **AFC Policy & Advocacy Committee, Jim Murdaugh, Chair**
   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.*
   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.
   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 Grooters 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 recoded 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.
7. **COP Committee and Work Group Reports**
   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.
   2. **Distance Learning Committee – Stan Sidor and Jonathan Gueverra**No Report
   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. Holnak 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 1and 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. 
      1. **Ratify, 2019-2020 Property/Casualty and Administration Budget  
         Action:** *Upon a mot ion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Barrett the 2019-2020 Property/Casualty and Administration Budget was ratified unanimously.*
      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.

* 1. **Funding Formula Workgroup –Carol Probstfeld**No Report
  2. **Media and Public Relations Committee – Tom Leitzel and Jeff Allbritten**Report was discussed previously by Ms. Karen Moore.
  3. **Career Tech/Workforce Committee – Ed Meadows, Chair**No Report
  4. **Dual Enrollment Committee – Jim Murdaugh, Chair**No Report

1. **COP Support Councils Reports**
   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.
   2. **Council of Student Affairs – Marielena DeSanctis**Dr. DeSanctis shared that the matrix of all 28 colleges institutional requirements should be complete in March.
   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.
   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.
2. **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.
3. **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 al so 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.