

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES

Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting

Association of Florida Colleges Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
1725 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32308

September 19, 2019

Dr. Murdaugh called the September 19, 2019, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Greg Haile
Sarah Clemmons
Jim Henningsen
Tom LoBasso (phone)
Jim Richey (phone)
Jeff Allbritten (Gina Doeble)
Lawrence Barrett (phone)
John Avendano (John Wall)
John Holdnak
Ken Atwater
Ed Massey (Barry Keim)
Stanley Sidor
Rolando Montoya
John Grosskopf
Devin Stephenson
Ava Parker (phone)
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows
Angela Garcia-Falconetti (phone)
Georgia Lorenz
Thomas Leitzel
Carol Probstfeld
Joe Pickens (phone)
Jim Murdaugh
Sandy Shugart (Bill Mallowney)

Dr. Murdaugh introduced Dara Cam, present, to the Council. Ms. Cam recently wrote an article on the Florida College System.

- 1.0 Report, Policy and Advocacy update, Joe Pickens, Chair
President Pickens reported that Dr. Murdaugh has been able to establish a standing Friday morning call to include the college presidents and Seth McKell from Southern Group.
- 2.0 Approval, AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee 2019-20 Updated Assessments and Budget
President Pickens asked Mr. Brawer to present the action items. Mr. Brawer referred to the

distributed document that contained the updated proposed AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee 2019-20 Updated Assessments and Budget. Mr. Brawer thanked the presidents who had responded via email to his request to review the estimated tuition data.

Mr. Brawer asked the Council to first look at the updated assessment numbers for the Policy and Advocacy Committee. He stated that many colleges have already mailed their assessment checks. If there was a change to the amount from the June meeting, the AFC will either adjust the invoice amount to note the increase or refund with a check if there was a decrease. Any college that has not submitted a check will be issued an updated invoice. Dr. LoBasso asked if the updated spreadsheet could be emailed to all presidents. Mr. Brawer will be sending that out once the meeting adjourns.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Beard and a second by President Haile the AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee 2019-20 Updated Assessments were approved by a majority of the Council. Two members of the Council were opposed.*

Mr. Brawer referred to the AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee's proposed budget. He noted a few updates on the document and will email the final version to the Council.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by President Haile the AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee's 2019-20 Budget was approved unanimously.*

3.0 Approval, Southern Group Contract with AFC – consulting services

President Pickens referred to the Southern Group Contract with AFC, which is posted on the AFC website. Dr. Murdaugh asked if there were any questions about the contract as presented. Dr. Barrett expressed concern about the Council approving a contract for lobbying services. He asked how hiring Southern Group would align with Commissioner Corcoran's request regarding hired lobbyists.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Atwater and a second by Dr. Probstfeld the Southern Group contract was approved by a majority vote. At least three members of the Council were opposed.*

4.0 Approval, Policy Issue Summaries

Dr. Murdaugh shared that he recently met with the Speaker of the House and thanked the Southern Group for their efforts in coordinating that meeting. Dr. Murdaugh reported that the meeting was positive and future meetings are in the works.

Dr. Murdaugh referred to the distributed Policy Issue Summaries. He detailed the contents on each page and then asked the Council to take votes on the individual summaries.

Dr. Lorenz referred to the concealed carry document and noted that in the last paragraph it referred to Senator Galvano as a democrat and that is not accurate. Dr. Murdaugh noted that will be amended. The edited documents will be sent electronically.

Dr. Murdaugh called for a motion to approve that the Council of Presidents supports the Florida College System Risk Management Consortiums legislative budget request for \$18.67 million.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Lorenz and a second by Dr. Beard the Council approved supporting the request of the FCSRMC.*

Dr. Murdaugh called for a motion to approve that the Council of Presidents opposes any legislation that would allow a person to carry a concealed weapon on a college campus. President Grosskopf asked that it be amended to also include open carry as well. The position would read, the Council of Presidents opposes any legislation that would allow a person to carry a concealed or open carry weapon on a college campus.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Leitzel the position was approved by the Council.*

Dr. Murdaugh referred to the last issue summary which refers to the school district career centers offering ASN Programs. Dr. Murdaugh shared that it may be more appropriate to oppose career and technical centers offering AS Programs at all. He asked the Council for their thoughts. Dr. Clemmons recommended opposing Career and Technical Centers offering AS Programs. Dr. Meadows recommended not listing and just stating that the Council opposes. Dr. Clemmons agreed. President Parker recommended involving the Chancellor and Commissioner with this issue. The Council continued a discussion on this matter. Dr. Murdaugh called for a motion that the Council of Presidents opposes the creation of offering of ASN Degrees in Technical Colleges or Technical Centers.

Action: *Dr. Lorenz motioned to approve, and President Haile seconded the motion.*

Dr. Holdnak asked that the motion be amended to use the verbiage Technical Institutions as opposed to Technical Colleges. Dr. LoBasso stated the importance of being clear in the messaging. Dr. Meadows suggested having a preamble to the position to further explain the position.

Dr. Murdaugh stated the position once more. It read, the Council of Presidents opposes school district career centers offering Associates of Sciences in Nursing Degrees at their institutions.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Probstfeld and a second by President Haile the position to oppose school district career centers offering Associates of Sciences in Nursing Degrees at their institutions was approved.*

President Pickens shared that he will be attending the State Board of Education meeting in Jacksonville on behalf of the Council of Presidents.

Dr. Murdaugh adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at 9:25 a.m.