

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES
Florida College System Council of Presidents
Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting
January 19, 2023
9:00am Eastern Standard Time

TCC Innovation Center
300 W Pensacola
Tallahassee, FL

9:00 a.m.

Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting

- 1.0 Welcome and Remarks – Dr. Tim Beard
- 2.0 Legislative Update – Mr. Seth McKeel
- 3.0 Adjournment – Dr. Tim Beard

COP Business Meeting

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - Welcome and Remarks – Dr. Tonjua Williams
- 2.0 Quorum Check – Dr. Larry Tyree
- 3.0 Council of Presidents’ Minutes
 - 3.1 Council of Presidents’ Business Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2022
- 4.0 Report of the Chair – Dr. Tonjua Williams
- 5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Chancellor Kathy Hebda
- 6.0 Report of the Senior Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education –Chancellor Kevin O’Farrell
- 7.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report – Dr. Larry Tyree
- 8.0 New Business/Action Items that require feedback or consensus
 - 8.1 FCS Activities Association

9.0 Informational Reports (no feedback or consensus required - see attached)

Committee and Work Group Reports

- 9.1.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee – Dr. Paul Broadie II
- 9.1.2 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – Dr. John Grosskopf and Dr. Angela Garcia Falconetti
- 9.1.3 Media and Public Relations Committee – Dr. Tom Leitzel and Dr. Jeff Allbritten

COP Support Council Reports (written reports submitted)

- 9.1.4 Council of Instructional Affairs – Dr. Gerene Thompson
- 9.1.5 Council of Student Affairs – Dr. Gerald Jones
- 9.1.6 Council of Business Affairs – Mr. Andy Barnes
- 9.1.7 Florida Council for Resource Development – Ms. Jamie Bateman
- 9.1.8 Council for Workforce Education – Dr. Kim Moore & Dr. Jodi Long

Florida College System Activities Association – Dr. Joe Avendano & Mr. Rob Chaney

- 9.1.9 Athletics Eligibility/Audit info
- 9.1.10 2022-2023 Calendar
- 9.1.11 2022-23 Executive Committee Roster

10.0 New Business/Announcements

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Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

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Academic Division Updates

Music Division: For the upcoming Winter Music Symposium, hosted by State College of Florida, hotel bookings have been less than anticipated and may result in an attrition penalty. The cost of travel combined with reduced budgets has led to fewer colleges attending, and many of those attending have chosen to travel in early Thursday morning instead of the traditional Wednesday night (the event has a 9am start). We are working with the host hotels to mitigate the issue as much as possible and will know more by the next meeting.

Upcoming Academic Division Events:

Jan. 26-28	FCSAA Winter Music Symposium, State College of Florida
Feb. 3-4	FCSAA State Forensics Tournament, Virtual
Feb. 9-11	FCSAA Press Association Conference, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent
Feb. 10-11	FCSAA Brain Bowl Regional Tournaments, Locations TBA
Feb. 20-22	FCSSGA Advocacy Conference, Tallahassee Community College/Florida Capitol
Feb. 24	FCSAA Model United Nations Conference, Virtual
March 24-25	FCSAA State Brain Bowl Tournament, Santa Fe College
April 14-15	FCSSGA Year End Conference/Elections, Daytona State College
June 13-15	FCSSGA Summer Advisors' Workshop, Location TBA

Athletics Division Approval Item: Conference Realignment

Review: Currently COP-approved Division 1 2023-2024 alignments effective Fall 2023

Baseball/Softball

Conference A		Conference B	
Mid-Florida Division	Panhandle Division	Southern Division	Suncoast Division
Central Florida	Chipola	Eastern Florida State	Hillsborough
Daytona State	Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern	Polk State
Santa Fe	Northwest Florida State	Indian River State	State College of Florida
Seminole State	Pensacola State	Miami Dade	St. Petersburg
	Tallahassee		

Postseason qualification (anticipated)

- 8 teams
- 4 from each conference (2 from each division)

Basketball (Men)

Conference A	Conference B
Chipola	Daytona State
FSCJ	Eastern Florida State
Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern
Northwest Florida State	Hillsborough
Pensacola State	Indian River State
Santa Fe	Miami Dade
Tallahassee	St. Petersburg
Polk State	State College of Florida

Basketball (Women)

Conference A	Conference B
Chipola	Daytona State
FSCJ	Eastern Florida State
Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern
Northwest Florida State	Hillsborough
Pensacola State	Indian River State
Santa Fe	Miami Dade
Tallahassee	St. Petersburg

Postseason qualification (anticipated)

- 8 teams
- 4 from each conference

New Alignment Revision Requesting COP approval:

The following recommendation for a new two-conference alignment was brought forward by the Panhandle conference at the November 30, 2022, CAA meeting. After discussion, it was approved by the CAA and subsequently approved by the FCSAA Steering Committee. The CAA is now seeking COP approval.

Baseball/Softball

Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Chipola	Central Florida
Gulf Coast State	Daytona State
Northwest Florida State	Eastern Florida State
Pensacola State	Florida SouthWestern
Tallahassee	Hillsborough
	Indian River State
	Miami Dade
	Polk State
	Santa Fe
	State College of Florida
	St. Petersburg
	Seminole State

Baseball/Softball Postseason qualification

- 8 teams
- 7 automatic qualifiers (2 from North, 5 from South)
- 1 at-large: winner of North #3 vs. South #6 to be played at neutral site

Men’s Basketball

Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Chipola	Daytona State
Gulf Coast State	Eastern Florida State
Northwest Florida State	Florida SouthWestern
Pensacola State	FSCJ
Tallahassee	Hillsborough
	Indian River State
	Miami Dade
	Polk State
	Santa Fe
	State College of Florida
	St. Petersburg

Men’s Basketball Postseason qualification

- 8 teams
- 7 automatic qualifiers (2 from North, 5 from the South)
- 1 at-large: winner of North #3 vs. South #6 to be played at neutral site

Women’s Basketball

Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Chipola	Daytona State
Gulf Coast State	Eastern Florida State
Northwest Florida State	Florida SouthWestern
Pensacola State	FSCJ
Tallahassee	Hillsborough
	Indian River State
	Miami Dade
	Santa Fe
	St. Petersburg

Women’s Basketball Postseason qualification

- 8 teams
- 8 automatic qualifiers (3 from North, 5 from the South)

At the November COP meeting, the COP asked that we bring forward both the two-conference model and the three-conference model for comparison. Below is the three-conference model with postseason qualification information. *Please note that the CAA voted to adopt the new two-conference model outlined above (Region 8 North and Region 8 South) over the three-conference model.* We are presenting the three-conference model today solely at the request of the COP.

Baseball/Softball

Region 8 Central	Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Central Florida	Chipola	Eastern Florida State
Daytona State	Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern
Hillsborough	Northwest Florida State	Miami Dade
Polk State	Pensacola State	Indian River State
Santa Fe	Tallahassee	State College of Florida
Seminole State		
St. Petersburg		

Postseason qualification

- Baseball/Softball
 - 2 from the North and South
 - 3 from the Central
 - 1 at-large: 3rd place teams from North & South will play 1 game at a neutral site for the at-large bid

Men's Basketball

Region 8 Central	Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Daytona State	Chipola	Eastern Florida State
FSCJ	Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern
Hillsborough	Northwest Florida State	Indian River State
Polk State	Pensacola State	Miami Dade
Santa Fe	Tallahassee	State College of Florida
St. Petersburg		

Women's Basketball

Region 8 Central	Region 8 North	Region 8 South
Daytona State	Chipola	Eastern Florida State
FSCJ	Gulf Coast State	Florida SouthWestern
Hillsborough	Northwest Florida State	Indian River State
Santa Fe	Pensacola State	Miami Dade
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Postseason qualification

- Men's & Women's Basketball
 - 2 from each, 2 at-large (current basketball format)

Additional Information

Prior to the holiday break, FSCJ petitioned the NJCAA to move to Division 2 in men's and women's basketball beginning Fall 2023. With FSCJ's request, Division 2 basketball is now also impacted.

FSCJ becomes the fourth D2 men's basketball team, joining Florida Gateway, Palm Beach and Pasco-Hernando, making it a FCSAA Championship Sport under current CAA by-laws, which requires four teams to reach championship sport status. While this is a positive move for the teams involved, it represents an additional championship event the FCSAA office is responsible for coordinating. Also serving as a Region 8 Championship event, the winner will advance to a District Championship game for the right to go to the NJCAA Tournament.

FSCJ will be the second D2 women's basketball team, joining Palm Beach. While not a FCSAA Championship Sport, a Region 8 Champion will be determined, and that team will advance to a District Championship game for the right to go to the NJCAA Tournament.

This continued evolution of Division 2 in the FCSAA will result in four additional championship events by March 2024, all of which require a budget to cover expenses such as officials, awards, staff hotels, webcasting, and photography. The D2 volleyball tournament began in 2018 while baseball and softball will host its first D2 FCSAA Championships this spring.

Only the D2 volleyball tournament existed when the FCSAA budget was increased in 2021. Rather than ask for another increase immediately, the recommendation of the FCSAA Executive Director and Associate Director is to charge team entry fees for schools participating in our D2 championships for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons and request an increase to the FCSAA budget in 2025 in advance of the 2025-26 season.

This will provide FCSAA institutions two years to plan for an increase in membership dues while helping provide a startup budget for each of the Division 2 Championships. As an example, entry fees have been part of cross country's championship event since it debuted in 2016. Although entry fees are common practice in the sport, it served the same purpose and has helped take the Championship Event from a starting balance of \$0 to just over \$8,000 in seven years, making the event near self-sufficient.

Upcoming Athletics Division Events:

March 3-4	NJCAA Region 8 DII Men's Basketball Tournament, Location TBA
March 24-25	FCSAA State Brain Bowl Tournament, Santa Fe College
April 14-16	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 Tennis Tournament, Sanlando Park, Altamonte
April 27-30	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DII Baseball Tournament, Location
May 4-8	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI/DII Softball Tournaments, Clermont
May 5-7	FCSAA Baseball State Tournament Semi-Finals, Locations TBA
May 12-14	NJCAA District DII Baseball Tournament, Location TBA
May 12-15	FCSAA State/NJCAA District Baseball Tournament Finals, Lakeland
May TBA	NJCAA District DII Softball Tournament, Location TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Warren, FCSAA Executive Director

Rob Chaney, FCSAA Associate Director / Athletics Commissioner