

**The Florida College System  
Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Friday, September 18, 2015  
TCC Capitol Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Ed Meadows, Council of Presidents Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

The following members of the Policy and Advocacy Committee were present:

Dr. Ed Meadows	Dr. Chuck Mojock
Dr. Jason Hurst	Mr. John Grosskopf
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Ty Handy
Dr. Jeff Allbritten	Dr. Ava Parker
Dr. Lawrence Barrett	Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra	Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. John Holdnak	Mr. Joe Pickens
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariaga	Mr. Joe Follick
Dr. Chris Mullin	Mr. Rod Duckworth
Ms. Lisa Cook	Mr. Andy Barnes
Ms. Wendy Sikora	Ms. Suzanne Tart
Mr. Scott Parke	Mr. Corey Jones
Mr. Michael Brawer	Mr. Steve Schroeder
Mr. Greg Haile	Ms. Sandy Ceseretti Ray
Mr. Robert Batsel	Mr. Ed Woodruff
Mr. Eric Johnson	Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Andy Treadwell	Mr. Bill Mallowney
Ms. Victoria Hernandez	
Ms. Erin McColskey	
Dr. Dan Rodkin	Dr. Pam Northrup
Mr. Don Payton	Mr. E.H. Levering
Mr. Chris Hansen	Dr. Judy Bilsky
Ms. Gean Ann Emond	Ms. Brittney Bunch
Dr. Naima Brown	Ms. Kathleen Plinske
Mr. Chauncey Fagler	Mr. Joseph Sarnovsky
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe	Mr. Peter Elliott
Mr. John Opper	Dr. Jesse Coraggio
Ms. Petra Kohlman	Ms. Kelly Warren
Mr. Allen Witt	

## 1.0 Approval of Minutes

### 1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2015

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Thomas Leitzel and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

## 2.0 2016 Legislative Session

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported a good discussion took place with the Governor's office staff regarding the COP budget request. However, the staff has requested data, by November, to justify the \$80 million request for workforce preparation enhancement. Dr. Meadows asked for workforce partnership stories to be emailed to him.

Ms. Hernandez reported House staff has invited the presidents to participate in a workshop. At the workshop, gun legislation and cost will be discussed.

Mr. Joe Pickens urged the presidents to take a position on the guns on campus legislation. Dr. Jim Murdaugh suggested the presidents take a position that all 28 presidents oppose the guns on campus bill, versus backing the position of another group.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf, the 28 presidents' opposition of the guns on campus bill was approved without objection.*

Mr. Joe Pickens suggested the Council of 100 also be asked to take a position on the guns on campus bill.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Mr. Joe Pickens and a second by Dr. Jim Murdaugh, the Council of 100 to be asked to take a position of opposition of the guns on campus bill was approved without objection.*

Dr. Ed Meadows asked Dr. Jim Murdaugh to work with Mr. Michael Brawer on a position statement. Mr. Pickens and Dr. Shugart will bring the position statement to the Council of 100.

Mr. Brawer reported a bill on open carry has also been filed. The lobbyists are watching both bills.

Dr. Meadows reported the baccalaureate moratorium has been lifted; however, Senator Negron is expected to file a bill to limit the colleges' baccalaureate programs again this session. He suggested the presidents resolve this issue with Senator Negron by taking the agreement made with him last session, back to him. The agreement would come with the understanding that Senator Negron would not be able to file any bills regarding the colleges' baccalaureate programs during his tenure. Dr. Ed Massey stated the enrollment cap on the baccalaureate programs could be an issue, especially in critical need areas. He added Senator Negron is not interested in any exemptions.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Cynthia Bioteau and a second by Dr. Ed Massey, the agreement with Senator Negron regarding baccalaureate degrees, that was previously agreed upon with the Senator during the 2015 legislative session, to be taken back to the him with the understanding that he would not file any bills regarding the issue during his tenure was approved with three objections and one abstention.*

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 9:20 a.m. without objection.