

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES
Florida College System Council of Presidents
Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting – Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2023

Call To Order

President Ed Meadows called the Council of Presidents meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call and Quorum Check

Mr. Tony Carvajal, AFC CEO, took the roll of the presidents in attendance to ensure a quorum was met.

Interim President Barbara Bryan

President Sarah Clemmons

President Jim Henningsen

President Tom LoBasso

President Jim Richey, proxy Dr. Fletcher

President Jeff Allbritten

President John Avendano

President Glen McDonald

President Heather Bigard

President Madeline Pumariega

President Ed Meadows

President Angela M. Garcia Falconetti

President Georgia Lorenz, *proxy Dr. Johnny Craig*

President Fred Hawkins, Jr.

President Joe Pickens

President Tonjua Williams, *proxy Ms. Melissa Gonzalez*

President Jim Murdaugh

President Kathleen Plinske

Council of Presidents Minutes

President Meadows called for a motion to approve the Council of Presidents' September 22, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes.

Action: *Upon motions by President Jim Murdaugh and a second by President Tom LoBasso the September 22, 2023, Council of Presidents' Business Meeting Minutes were unanimously adopted.*

Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Policy and Advocacy meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. President Allbritten shared that everyone should have received the 2-pager document from the Moore Agency summarizing the work previously discussed. If anyone did not receive the document, please notify him. Mr. McKeel reported that meetings on the House side to address the priorities, and answering questions from the House on the submitted proposal have begun.

Both Legislative Chairs were receptive, especially with what the Florida College System contributions to be were included. He shared that the remainder of the \$100 million dollars and the LBR from the department were positively received during the leadership meeting discussion.

President Meadows asked President LoBasso to share his comments from the Professional Development meeting. President LoBasso stated it was a misperception as to what the ask was. Once it was clarified that the institutions would be continuing to pay into the plan, it appeared to make the ask appear smaller and will make it easier resulting in the chair being more open to the ask. He also shared that adding the FCS into the plan could possibly help with the deficit that is projected. President Meadows shared that many of the House members do not understand what the FCS is asking for. He stated that President Pumariega raised a good question about being clear about the ask. He stated that it is his understanding that the ask is for the difference between what the institution pays, not what the employee pays.

President Pumariega stated what's not clear is if the institutions join the State plan, would the institutions and employees be required to absorb 100% of premiums, if so, that would leave the institutions and healthcare plan exactly where the current plans are. It was her understanding that the universities receive a discount, and the FCS would need to make sure the investment into the State plan would ensure the family plan is less, to ensure the employees are receiving a discounted rate, and that the language the universities receive regarding increases would also be in the FCS language to receive the subsidy as well. She stated a financial analysis would need to be completed to ensure there is a clear ask and that the institutions don't end up absorbing all the premium increases and making sure that employees do not have to pay full premium rates. She stated that COBA would need to complete their analysis soon.

President Bigard shared that COBA has requested the compiled data from the Department, ensuring full data sets from all 28 institutions are included, and they will begin to do the analysis. She stated she would be working directly with the COBA chair; Chuck Prince, and the timeline would be ready to present in November.

The Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Council of Presidents Business Meeting

President Meadows called the Council of Presidents Business meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Report of the Chair – President Ed Meadows

President Meadows asked Mr. Tony Carvajal to report on the James L. Wattenbarger Award. Mr. Carvajal shared that President Pickens suggested the COP proceed with the presented nominees. He shared there was a tie between Commissioner Manny Diaz and former South Florida State College President Thomas Lietzel. He stated that President Pickens would be reaching out to other presidents to participate in the presentation.

President Meadows stated that Commissioner Diaz's staff was working to arrange his schedule to attend the presentation of the award. If he is unable to attend, the award will be presented at the SBOE meeting in January in Tallahassee.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Hebda stated she would also be providing a brief update for Chancellor O'Farrell also, as he is traveling. She thanked those who had donated supplies at the request of Commissioner Diaz's appeal to send items to Israel. She thanked Dr. Meadows for his report at the SBOE meeting. She stated it was well received. There were great comments about the FCS and the work coming from the FCS. She reported that two baccalaureate degrees were approved, for St. Johns River State College in IT and Palm Beach State College in Medical Imaging. Chancellor Hebda stated they have rule workshops on November 9 in General Education and the prohibited expenditure rules; both rules are under SB266.

Chancellor Hebda provided updates for Chancellor O'Farrell, sharing that the State Board approved the Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standard in Industry Driven Benchmarks. The updates had two important curriculum frameworks including an Associate of Science degree in Semiconductor Engineering Technology and a College Credit Certificate in Semiconductor Clean Room Operator. Both are now available to all institutions for coursework offerings. She shared that P-COG grants that were related to traditional and teacher apprenticeship funding opportunities are currently under review at this time.

COP Committee and Workgroup Reports

Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – President Jim Henningsen

The COP meeting was paused at 9:35 a.m. for the FCSRMC meeting. President Henningsen stated he had an informational report for today, that no action was required. He reported they received an announcement from Florida Gateway College that they were leaving the health insurance portion of the consortium. He stated the announcement was received after the June 30, 2023, deadline. Because the deadline is in the Risk Management manual, the Consortium could not offer a decision. He reported this has been communicated to Florida Gateway College, and an emergency Operations Committee meeting will be held the week of October 23 with the committee and attorneys to address the request and what financial impact this could have on the already negotiated rates with Florida Blue. He stated because of the size of Florida Gateway he doesn't see a major impact on the rates, they will provide a report after the Operations Committee meeting. The FCSRMC meeting concluded at 9:39 a.m.

Articulation Coordinating Committee – President Paul Broadie

President Broadie was not in attendance, President Meadows shared there was a written report from him in the meeting materials.

Media and Public Relations Committee – President Devin Stephensen and President Angela Garcia-Falconetti

President Falconetti offered her congratulations to the Moore Agency for being named as one of the top five public relations firms in the United States. She also stated that she wanted to make sure the LBR request document was presented during the meeting. She thanked Mr. McKeel, Mr. Carvajal, The Moore Agency, President Stephensen, President Meadows, and President Allbritten for being the review team ensuring the document reflected what the COP had requested. These materials will be used for the lobbying team and The Moore Agency is in the process of using the document to create social digital media posts.

Florida Trend Magazine has published the special October edition featuring the FCS 28 colleges. President Falconetti extended her appreciation for the institutions that submitted good news reports to share. Sharing the news has resulted in a 15% increase in social media traffic. Ms. Parson reported that Florida Trend is sending a copy to all House and Senate members, and they have requested a 500-copy overrun of just the college section making it appear as its own magazine. She stated the special overrun could be used to share with Trustees and across campuses. She also shared that they are creating another graphic for the LBR to be used when the Trustees are visiting the Capitol.

Ms. Parson reported they had a great PIO meeting. She thanked Chancellor Hebda for welcoming the PIO members, and she thanked President Meadows and President Falconetti for being present during the meeting. She stated the next meeting will take place after the legislative session to recap what lessons were learned and to highlight success stories of goal achievements. She reminded the Presidents to save the date for the November 16 press event. They are currently working on securing the space.

COP Support Council Reports

President Kathleen Plinske, Liaison for the Council of Instructional Affairs, Council of Student Affairs, and Council for Workforce Education asked each chair to share their reports.

Council of Instructional Affairs – Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth

Dr. Liao-Troth presented for Mr. Rich Senker. He reported they had a great joint council meeting and he shared they were able to deep dive into conversations and review various ways of applying Artificial Intelligence both inside and outside of the classroom in the future. They also discussed the rulemaking session on prohibiting expenditures for the FCS institutions, the process of the general education committee, the success of the new statewide syllabi posting requirements, and digital badging for ENC 1101 and future courses, the implementation of the new math pathways that will be starting next fall, and the accreditation transition. He shared that two institutions have received pre-approval by the DOE. Those institutions shared the process and next steps.

Council of Student Affairs – Dr. Erik D'Aquino

Dr. D'Aquino reported that the joint Council meetings were successful. He extended their appreciation to Chancellors Hebda, O'Farrell, Dr. Humphries, and their teams for their informative updates. He shared that the main topic for the meeting revolved around Artificial Intelligence and how it will make major changes in higher education. They had peer led conversations around Artificial Intelligence from the Florida College System. He shared that the Council Chairs met after the meeting and would like to recommend that a workgroup be assembled to discuss policies and chart the path for best practices for AI in higher education.

He reported that from CSA business they have discussed the topic of the residency statute, and as a result, they were able to establish some details to focus on. He thanked Dr. Leslie Fredrick and her team from Valencia College who helped to spearhead the effort and bring about the draft recommendation to be forwarded to President Plinske and the COP. He also stated they have identified the critical need for CSA professional development opportunities as a group.

Council For Workforce Education – Dr. Prashanth Pilly

Dr. Pilly presented for Dr. Long. He reported that they had a very productive meeting and that CWE is excited to join with the other councils to work on Artificial Intelligence. He shared they had many new members and Dr. Nasser Hedeyat, Valencia College was able to provide the group with CWE history and the importance of the council. Dr. Brian Mann, Hillsborough Community College, led a discussion on new program developments and their challenges. He stated that many of the members had expressed concerns about the Perkins Grant. Mr. Bruce Harrington from FLDOE provided the update on the 2024-2025 Perkins V and the EET grant. He shared they are working on two ad hoc groups - the Legislative Ad-Hoc group and the Funding Opportunities/Collaboration Ad-hoc group - and they are planning to bring reports on the groups to the COP in future meetings.

President Plinske recommended the establishment of the workgroup to continue exploring Artificial Intelligence in a cross-council approach and that she would be happy to serve as the liaison for the group. President Meadows stated he thought it was a good idea. President Pumariega stated there are two tracks to consider using AI, with one being the academic offering. She stated the approach at Miami Dade has been cross-disciplinary instead of a tech silo, they had 500 faculty to go through Artificial Intelligence training to support student success in learning outcomes and to build off the workforce program in Artificial Intelligence. She stated the second track to consider is to make sure the institutions are aligned with any policies that might come forward. President Pumariega said if the COP moves forward with a workgroup, the scope of work that the group would be responsible for is clearly defined as to how Artificial Intelligence should be used and not the position of academic dishonesty and spending millions of dollars detecting the use of Artificial Intelligence instead of leveraging Artificial Intelligence for enhanced learning. President Plinske advised she would work with the Council Chairs to draft the scope of work by the November COP meeting.

President Heather Bigard, Liaison for the Council of Business Affairs, and Florida Council for Resource Development stated that President Plinske and President Pumariega both raised excellent points around Artificial Intelligence in the implementations and responsibilities of Artificial Intelligence, she shared this could be a great opportunity to reengage AFC by coordinating professional development. President Bigard asked both chairs to share their reports.

Council of Business Affairs – Mr. Chuck Prince

Mr. Chuck Prince reported they had an action item come from the September COBA meeting, they had to replace two members on the risk management operations committee, one voting member, and one member in training. Selected for the voting member was Barbara Wills; Tallahassee Community College, and for the member in training, Brittany Snyder; The College of the Florida Keys. He shared that they have resumed monthly meetings. The accounting committee brought forth recommendations for changes to SBOE 6814.072, which are on financial records and support. These changes are primarily cleaning up languages. They had a brief discussion on HB1521 and how colleges are approaching restroom destinations, any policies, how they are reporting violations, and any related student codes of conduct. The discussion was mainly to gather information and they will be working together to remain consistent across the FCS. The Division members on the call asked the accounting committee to consider new general ledger codes in reference to SB266, the Florida Educational Equity Act. The ask is to report anything prohibited by the law; this will ensure that monies are coming out of the correct fund. He also shared that they are gathering the healthcare analysis, and he will be bringing that back to the COP in November.

Florida Council for Resource Development – Ms. Jamie Bateman

Ms. Bateman reported that the grants and foundation members continue to meet on a monthly basis, and they will be bringing data on the systemwide impact of foundations and grants and the Return on Investment to show where they are contributing back to the State. She shared that the FCRD Board voted to send funds to sister colleges that were impacted by the Hurricane. The Fall Newsletter will be sent next month.

Florida College System Activities Association – President John Avendano and Ms. Kelly Warren

President Avendano asked Ms. Warren to report. Ms. Warren stated her written report was distributed and included in the meeting materials. She reported they have started activities for the semester, and they are currently holding region retreats. She shared that the Student Government Assembly took place on September 15, and during the presidential assembly, they decided on their platforms for the year. She asked the State Student Government President, Gilberto Mattei-Fernandez, PHSC, to provide a report, he shared the four points the SGA would focus on for the year: 1). college affordability and funding for the FCS, 2). privacy, safety, and security for students, 3). increased FCS learning opportunities, and 4). quality of life, and social issues. He shared they will continue to build upon the goals from last year which was to help bring about awareness and increase knowledge to the student

body of the State. This year they are attempting to connect more of the regions post-pandemic.

Association of Florida Colleges Report – Mr. Tony Carvajal and President Gregory Williams

AFC President Gregory Williams thanked the Presidents for all the support this year, and he stated that he is looking forward to the AFC Annual Conference and Meeting and having everyone in attendance. President Murdaugh thanked AFC President Williams for the work he has done, and he encouraged the Presidents to help AFC grow. President Meadows shared that he would like to see the President's participation in the AFC Annual Conference and Meeting return to pre-pandemic status.

Mr. Carvajal followed up on his comments from last month on the three key points of engagement, coordination, and conversations. He stated that he has seen good results since the conversations started. He shared that a meeting with CareerSource Florida has generated a commitment to assist with helping the COP Councils move forward with the Masters' Credentials List and a reminder from them as part of their reimagining initiative as they reduce from 24 CareerSource Boards to 21 that each board will have an education and industry consortium. He stated that if each of the Councils would make asks of the AFC, the AFC would do its best to work with each of the coordinating activities that were mentioned. He also shared that the Artificial Intelligence conversation would be continued during the AFC Annual Conference and Meeting. He asked the Presidents to please share their insights and ideas of what they would like to see from the AFC. He shared that there is a strong upcoming professional development focus from the AFC. He reminded the COP of next month's media rollout event, and he stated it would be impactful if all presidents were in town during the event on November 16. He shared the dates for the Trustee conference on January 22 and asked the Presidents to start thinking of who they would like to bring to the conference. He said having a substantial number of attendees would make a difference and be much more successful. He shared there would be a roundtable discussion around Dual Enrollment at the Annual Conference.

Announcements and Other Business

President Meadows stated that several Presidents have indicated they will ask Trustees to attend the November media rollout event, he reminded the Presidents that he needs a final confirmation of what Trustees will be present. He asked that the Presidents email him and President Allbritten of the 4-5 Trustees from each institution that will be attending. He said they would need to arrive on the evening of November 14.

President Meadows stated that he sent an email asking institutions to report to him how they used last year's operations funds from the Legislative appropriations of one hundred million dollars, and how the new dollars would be used for next year. He stated that on Monday he will send out a survey for the Presidents to check off how the monies are being

used. He asked if your institution used monies for something that could not have been previously achieved, to please include a narrative of that.

He shared that the interim President for Broward College was on Zoom earlier, however, she had to leave. He thanked her for serving in the capacity and looked forward to her working with the COP and seeing her at next month's meeting. He thanked the presidents for sharing information to share at the SBOE meeting. He shared that Pensacola State College will be hosting the first annual FCS Cyber Security competition on November 4 for students.

He asked President Pumariega to comment on the Broadband initiative that Commissioner Diaz has asked the COP to assess. President Pumariega stated that she sent the link to the broadband page to presidents yesterday. She explained the Federal Government has appropriated one hundred billion dollars to invest in state broadband expansions, which includes connectivity, highspeed internet, and the workforce for broadband expansion. She stated that the page includes several grants that the FCS institutions could apply for in partnership with workforce agencies, industry partners, and others in FCS communities that institutions are collaborating with doing similar work.

President Meadows stated that the COP Professional Development meetings need to return to their original intent therefore there would be no agenda next month, the format will be a bring your concerns to Professional Development format.

Dr. Allbritten announced his institution, Florida SouthWestern State College, submitted their application to HLC (Higher Learning Commission). President Meadows shared, that President LoBasso, Daytona State College, and President Pickens, St. Johns River State College had reaffirmations with no recommendations.

The Council of Presidents' October 20, 2023, meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

**Florida College System Council of Presidents
Agenda Item Request Form**

Date of COP Meeting

Agenda Item Name: _____

Presenter: _____

Description of Agenda Item #1: _____

Action Requested:

- COP Approval
- Information Only
- Discussion Item

List Background Information Provided: _____

Description of Agenda Item #2: _____

Action Requested:

- COP Approval
- Information Only
- Discussion Item

List Background Information Provided: _____

Description of Agenda Item #3: _____

Action Requested:

- COP Approval
- Information Only
- Discussion Item

List Background Information Provided: _____

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Kathleen Plinske,
COP Council's Presidential Liaison

FROM: Dr. Erik D'Aquino
Chair, Council of Student Affairs

DATE: November 14, 2023

RE: CSA Council Report

Since our last update on October 24, 2023, the Council of Student Affairs has not met. We will be holding an executive committee meeting on November 16, 2023, to discuss upcoming initiatives and make decisions on behalf of the full council. Details of the executive committee meeting will be shared during the COP meeting.

In the meantime, I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in developing the scope of work and charge for the Generative AI workgroup. As Council Chairs, we have collaborated closely with the workgroup members to define the group's objectives and establish a clear framework for their work. We are confident that the workgroup will make valuable contributions to our understanding and utilization of generative AI technologies.

Thank you for your continued support of the Council of Student Affairs. We look forward to updating you further at our next full council meeting.

November 13, 2023

CWE Council update for the November COP:

- The 8-member Legislative Ad-Hoc group will monitor all bills that are proposed by various members of the House and Senate that will impact Workforce education and associated grants/funding. This Ad-Hoc group will provide the CWE membership with monthly reports that will be included in the CWE report to the Council of Presidents, as appropriate. Also, this group will present at the CWE membership meetings on the nature, impact, and challenges of these bills, including helping the CWE membership by proposing probable solutions that can be taken up with the Council of Presidents.
- The 7-member Funding – Including Perkins V Ad-Hoc group, will help create best practices regarding Perkins V, other grant opportunities, employer engagement, work sharing, and entrepreneurship. The Ad-Hoc group will provide the CWE membership with monthly reports that will be included in the CWE report to the Council of Presidents, as appropriate. Also, this group will present at the CWE membership meetings on the challenges, opportunities, and best practices of these various topics, including issues that the CWE needs to bring to the attention of the Council of Presidents.
- Dr. Orathai Northern from Polk State College was voted by the CWE members to replace Dr. Kimberly Moore on the CWE Steering Committee.

Regards,

Prashanth

Prashanth Pilly Ph.D. | Associate Vice Provost | Academic Affairs



Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

November 17, 2023

Information Item: Student Government Division

SGA Advocacy Conference: The Florida College System Student Government Association hosted their legislative advocacy conference November 7-8 at Tallahassee Community College and the Florida Capitol. We had a record 320 attendees. This is the largest SGA conference attendance in at least ten to fifteen years, and we are very appreciative to the conference team at TCC for their ability to pivot rooms when so many registrations came in on the last day of registration. Our thanks to Dr. Murdaugh for hosting and particularly to Marckus Harden, TCC's Conference and Events Coordinator, who worked with Ms. Warren on a Saturday morning to restructure conference room locations.

As a reminder, the students voted on the planks for their 2023-2024 legislative platform at September's Presidents' Assembly. They are as follows:

- College affordability and funding for the Florida College System
- Privacy, Safety and Security
- Increase Florida College System Learning Opportunities and Quality of Life
- Social Issues

The state executive board is researching filed bills that fall under these planks to form their platform. Though not a bill, there is much interest from both the students and the advisors in draft state board rule *6A-14.0718 Prohibited Expenditures for Florida College System (FCS) Institutions*, as it has the potential to impact not only our Student Government organizations, but also our campus newspapers and literary magazines, Forensics teams, and Model United Nations teams.

SGA Region Retreats:

- Region 1: Scheduled for October 13 at Northwest Florida State College. Cancelled due to lack of registration (only FSCJ and NWFSC registered).
- Region 2: Held October 6 at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus; 119 in attendance
- Region 3: Held October 13 at Seminole State College, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus; 55 in attendance
- Region 4: Held October 20 at Miami Dade College, Homestead Campus: 125 in attendance

Information Item: Publications Division

The Florida College System Press Association is holding their annual conference and contest awards program at Daytona State College, November 16-18. The full list of awardees will be included in our next report.

Information Items: Athletics Division

Cross Country

FCSAA/NJCAA Region 8 Cross Country Championships
October 24 | Tallahassee, Fla. (Apalachee Regional Park)

Division I

- Men's Team Champion: Eastern Florida State College
- Men's Team Runner-up: Seminole State College

- Men's Individual Champion: Dayton Law, Eastern Florida State College (also won in 2022)
- Women's Team Champion: Eastern Florida State College
- Women's Team Runner-up: Seminole State College
- Women's Individual Champion: Rachel Starr, Eastern Florida State College
- [FCSAA & NJCAA Region 8 Awards](#)

Division II

- Men's Team Champion: Daytona State College
- Men's Team Runner-up: Pasco-Hernando State College
- Men's Individual Champion: Jared Falchook, Daytona State College
- Women's Team Champion: Daytona State College
- Women's Team Runner-up: Pasco-Hernando State College
- Women's Individual Champion: Giovana Meade, Daytona State College
- [FCSAA & NJCAA Region 8 Awards](#)

Next up: NJCAA Cross Country Championships (November 11) and NJCAA Half Marathon (November 14) in Huntsville, Ala.

Women's Soccer

NJCAA Region 8 Division I Women's Soccer Championship

October 26 & 28 | Eastern Florida State College, Melbourne, Fla.

- Champion: Eastern Florida State College
- Runner-up: Daytona State College
- [NJCAA Region 8 Awards](#)

Next up: NJCAA Southeast District Tournament | November 3-4, Milledgeville, Ga.

NJCAA Region 8 Division II Women's Soccer

- Champion: Pensacola State College (based on winning regular season head-to-head)
- Runner-up: Pasco-Hernando State College
- [NJCAA Region 8 Awards](#)

NJCAA South Atlantic District Championship | October 28, Wilmington, N.C.

- Cape Fear 1, Pensacola State 0

NJCAA Region 8 Division I Men's Soccer

- Champion: Eastern Florida State College (based on winning regular season head-to-head)
- Runner-up: Daytona State College
- NJCAA Region 8 Awards: TBA

NJCAA Southeast District Championship | November 4, South Prince George, Va.

- Eastern Florida State 3, Richard Bland 0

Next: NJCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships, November 12-18, Wichita, Kan.

Volleyball

FCSAA Division I/NJCAA Atlantic District Championship

November 3-4 | Fort Myers, Fla. (hosted by Florida SouthWestern State College)

- Champion: Florida SouthWestern State College

- Runner-up: Miami Dade College
- [FCSAA Awards](#)

NJCAA Atlantic District Tournament | November 5, Fort Myers, Fla.

- Florida SouthWestern 3, Spartanburg Methodist 0
- Miami Dade 3, Monroe 1

Next up: Florida SouthWestern and Miami Dade along with Daytona State - who received an at large bid, their first in program history - travel to the NJCAA Division I Volleyball Championships, November 15-18, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

FCSAA Division II/NJCAA South Atlantic District Championship

November 3-4 | Lake Worth, Fla. (hosted by Palm Beach State College)

- Champion: Pensacola State College
- Runner-up: Gulf Coast State College
- [FCSAA Awards](#)

Next up: Pensacola and Gulf Coast travel to the NJCAA Division II Volleyball Championships, November 15-18, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Warren
FCSAA Executive Director

Rob Chaney
FCSAA Associate Director