

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Daytona State College**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

President Ava Parker called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Daytona State College.

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present:

Mr. David Armstrong	Dr. Devin Stephensen
Dr. Jim Henningsen	Dr. Ava Parker
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Jeff Allbritton	Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Dr. Lawrence Barrett	Dr. Anne McGee
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. John Holdnak (Holly Kuehner)	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Atwater (Ginger Clark)
Dr. Stan Sidor	Dr. Jackson Sasser (Ed Bonahue)
Dr. John Grosskopf	Dr. Jim Richey (Linda Miedema)

Present on Phone:

Dr. Jonathan Gueverra	Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Tonjua Williams	Dr. Eduardo Padron (Lenore Rodicio)

Also present were:

Ms. Karen Moore	Mr. Liam McClay
Ms. Madeline Pumariega	Mr. Brian Thomas
Mr. Michael Brawer	Gregory Ferguson
Mr. Jesse Coraggio	Mr. Tom Furlong
Mr. Joe Mazur	Mr. Tony Ganstine
Ms. Christine Davis	Ms. Felecia Moore-Davis
Ms. Jaqueline Skyrd	Mr. Don Payton
Mr. Chauncey Fagler	Ms Sheryl Vihitoe
Ms. Kelly Warren	Ms. Judith Bilsky
Mr. Brian Babb	Mr. Jeff Schemberra
Mr. Mike McKee	Ms. Esmeralda Sweeney
Mr. Andy Treadwell	Ms. Tina Hart
Ms. Victoria Hernandez	
Ms. Rachael Ondrus	
Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray	
Mr. Jack Hall	

Recorder: Sharlee Whiddon

President Ava Parker mentioned that she and Dr. LoBasso had been speaking with legislative staff on the concerns to budget cuts. She recapped the Legislative Budget Request teleconference which had taken place in August. President Parker referred to the amended Legislative Budget Request; it was distributed to those in attendance and emailed to those on the phone. The one number that had been changed was in the PECO dollars. She explained how the funds would work.

President Parker submitted to the group a Legislative Budget Request in the amount of \$286 million. A motion would follow after brief period of questions and concerns.

Dr. Massey asked if the amount for Performance Funding would stay the same. President Parker responded by saying yes. The number was the same from the request in August and it was asked to be a recurring contribution.

It was noted that this request is very different from the request of the State Board of Education. Dr. Beard asked if we are going to try and come to some commonality. President Parker replied that at the October State Board of Education meeting a report will be presented to respond to the difference in numbers which is reflected in the request.

Chancellor Pumariega shared that a Department of Education's budget is more of a recommendation. The Governor's budget will follow and offers an opportunity for the group to influence the budget before the final stage of the budget release, which is by the Legislature.

President Parker stated for clarification, the recurring budget was cut by \$30 million. The department's budget is restoring that cut, but it is restoring as a Performance Funding not as a recurring item.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. John Grosskopf and a second by Dr. Devin Stephenson the submitted Legislative Budget Request for \$286 million was approved unanimously.*

1.0 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2017

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. John Henningsen and a second by Dr. Carol Probstfeld the June 2, 2017, Policy and Advocacy Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.*

2.0 Update, 2018 Legislative Session

President Parker shared that Moore Communications and the Marketing Committee will be working to create and share stories from students at our colleges. Dr. Massey suggested having a timeline of topics. Ms. Karen Moore has been working on that and it will be distributed. President Parker thanked the lobbyist for their collective efforts on the Legislative Budget Request.

