

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Thursday, November 2, 2017
Innisbrook, Palm Harbor, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

At 10:14 a.m., on Thursday, November 2, 2017, the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee was called to order by Dr. Tom LoBasso. Mr. Michael Brawer took roll of the presidents in the room and on the phone.

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present: (proxy)

Mr. David Armstrong	Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Sarah Clemmons	Dr. Ed Meadows (Sandy Ray)
Dr. Jim Henningsen	Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. John Holdnak	Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Ken Atwater	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Tonjua Williams
Dr. Eduardo Padron (E.H. Levering)	Dr. Jim Murdaugh
Dr. Devin Stephenson	Dr. Sandy Shugart (Bill Mallowney)
Ms. Ava Parker	

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present on the phone:

Dr. Stanley Sidor	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
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AFC staff present:

Michael Brawer	David Schrenk
Marsha Kiner	Sharlee Whiddon

Others in attendance who signed in:

Fern Senra	Eric Johnson
Madeline Pumariega	Andy Treadwell
Robert Flores	Victoria Hernandez
Jesse Coraggio	Rachael Ondrus
Christine Davis	Liam McClay
Jaqueline Skryd	
Kelly Warren	
Greg Haile	Recorder: Sharlee Whiddon
Mike McKee	

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes October 5, 2017

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Sasser, the minutes from the October 5, 2017, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.*

1.2 Update, 2018 Legislative Session

President Parker thanked the lobbyists for all their work, with a special thank you to Jack Hall for his leadership in assuring there was an analysis of the language of Senate Bill 540. The information was shared with the presidents to review the items in the bill. President Parker and Dr. LoBasso worked with Chris Hansen and many members of the House and Senate who are on higher education committees. They were also able to meet with Senator Hukill, the sponsor of Senate Bill 540. The first committee stop for this bill will be Monday, November 13, in the Senate Higher Education Committee.

The Florida Council of Resource Development (FCRD), presented a power point report, on Senate Bill 540's proposed changes to Direct Support Organizations and the impact on the college system. President Parker introduced Jackie Skyrd, chair of the council, and her team. The presentation is available on the Association of Florida Colleges website.

President Parker stated she is following the Constitutional Revision Commission. She will be sending the names of the members of the Education Committee of the Constitutional Revision Commission.

President Parker asked the council to be ready to spend time in Tallahassee to sharing individual stories from the colleges.

President Parker adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Meeting at 10:45 a.m.