

**Association of Florida Colleges
Policy and Advocacy Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018
Wyndham Orlando**

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, Dr. Murdaugh called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Brawer took roll of the presidents in the room and on the phone.

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

Gregory Haile
Jim Henningsen (Jillian Ramsammy)
Tom LoBasso
Jeff Allbritten
Kevin Hyde (John Wall)
John Holdnak
Ken Atwater
Ed Massey
Eduardo Padron (Lenore Rodicio)
John Grosskopf
Devin Stephson (Jack Capra)
Tim Beard
Ed Meadows
Angela Garcia-Falconetti
Jackson Sasser
Georgia Lorenz
Thomas Leitzel
Joe Pickens
Jim Murdaugh
Sandy Shugart (Bill Mallowney)

1.0 Policy and Advocacy Committee Minutes**1.1 Approval, Policy and Advocacy Committee Minutes –October 5, 2018**

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Leitzel and a second by President Haile, the minutes from the October 5, 2018, Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting were approved unanimously.*

2.0 Update – Joe Pickens, Chair, Advocacy Workgroup

President Pickens updated the Council on the work of the Advocacy Group. He stressed the importance of meeting with Legislators in the district to discuss priorities, prior to their trip to Tallahassee. He encouraged all presidents make themselves available for appointments with legislator(s). He shared that one goal of the group is to introduce and build relationships with new members of the legislature.

Dr. Holdnak reported over the phone and gave a status update of Gulf Coast State College. He shared the needs of the college as well as employees and students. He shared that an Amazon registry is being set up that would allow individuals to purchase needed items and have them delivered. Once the information has been shared, AFC will send out an email with the link.

Dr. Sasser challenged all college presidents to donate a minimum of \$500.00 to hurricane relief efforts that would benefit college students and employees. Dr. Murdaugh stated that he would send out an email to all presidents. Mr. Brawer shared with the Council that the AFC Foundation has a hurricane relief fund in place and will be dispersing checks on November 13.

Dr. Murdaugh adjourned the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee at 11:01 a.m.