

**ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES**  
**Florida College System Council of Presidents**  
**Zoom**

**October 16, 2020**

**Meeting Minutes**

**COP Business Meeting**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER  
President Joe Pickens called the October 16, 2020 Zoom Council of Presidents' Business Meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
  
- 2.0 Quorum Check  
AFC Interim Executive Director, Marsha Kiner, took roll of the presidents on the Zoom. The following college presidents were present:  
  
Greg Haile  
Sarah Clemmons  
Tom LoBasso  
Jonathan Gueverra  
John Avendano  
John Holdnak  
Ken Atwater  
Tim Moore  
Stanley Sidor  
Rolando Montoya  
John Grosskopf  
Devin Stephenson  
Ava Parker  
Tim Beard  
Angela Falconetti  
Paul Broadie  
Georgia Lorenz  
Thomas Leitzel  
Joe Pickens  
Jim Murdaugh  
Sandy Shugart
  
- 3.0 Council of Presidents' Minutes
  - 3.1 Council of Presidents' Zoom Business Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2020  
**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Dr. Tim Moore the August 28, 2020, Council of Presidents' Zoom Business Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.*
  
- 4.0 Report of the Chair  
President Joe Pickens shared that he and President Falconetti have been working with the

internal lobbyist group on developing a platform for the upcoming legislative session. President Pickens stated that by the next Council meeting he and the group will get a document of the priority items for the Florida College System.

#### 5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Kathy Hebda shared an update on behalf of the Division of Florida Colleges. She stated that she would send an email of her talking points to the Council after the adjournment of the meeting.

Chancellor Hebda shared that the State Board of Education did submit its legislative Budget Request. That documentation can be found on the State Board of Education's website for review. She added that additional money in the budget would be for the Florida Virtual Campus including the State Library System and the Distance Learning Services.

Chancellor Hebda shared a few updates on rule announcements. The State Board has adopted amendments to the Site Determined Baccalaureate Access Rule, primarily to streamline the form for submitting a new Baccalaureate program. Workshops will be upcoming for a rule that was passed in legislation last year concerning intercollegiate compensation and rights.

Chancellor Hebda shared an update on the Florida Student Success Center. Publications highlighting the innovative practices submitted by institutions throughout the pandemic, particularly in the areas of remote learning and student support services, will be released soon. Chancellor Hebda shared that an Equity Summit will be hosted by the Student Success Center in April 2021. The nominations for Chancellor's Best Practice Awards will be shifted to focus on equity. More information will be forthcoming.

Chancellor Hebda shared that the emergency order that suspended the use of the Common Placement Test for both Dual Enrollment and Developmental Education Courses and put in place alternative methods for placing students in those courses will not likely be extended.

Chancellor Hebda shared that the Textbook Affordability group has made some great recommendations for things to look at in the State Board of Education rule on Textbook Affordability and also some best practices for book store contracts.

President Pickens asked Chancellor Hebda to speak on the equity initiative. Chancellor Hebda shared that the discussion has been to look at short term and long term goals to address equity matters in the Florida College System.

President Pickens asked if the expectation of College Boards of Trustees is to meet in person beginning in November in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders. Chancellor Hebda stated that if the order does not get extended again there are still options for some members to meet virtually. She stated that guidance would need to be given by legal counsel. Mr. Bill Mallowney shared that it is more of a quorum issue and a political question. He stated that clarification is needed from the Governor's Office.

- 6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education  
Chancellor Henry Mack shared an update on behalf of the Division of Career and Adult Education. An email with his talking points will be sent after the adjournment of the meeting.

Chancellor Mack announced a partnership with Education Strategy Group to help with a deep dive into adult education and structure across the state.

Chancellor Mack shared that the Division is processing all of the colleges Perkins V plans. He also shared that a one million dollar grant opportunity for entrepreneurs and trainings has been launched. Also a partnership with Florida Makes was announced to help reimagine Florida Advanced Technology and Engineering (FLATE).

6.1 DOE Get There Campaign

Chancellor Mack shared a presentation on the Get There Campaign that is available in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website.

7.0 Facilities Lease Agreement with Tallahassee Community College for the AFC Legislative Committee

President Pickens and President Falconetti stated that the Lease Agreement would be brought back to the Council at the November COP Business Meeting.

8.0 COP Committee and Work Group Reports

8.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee

Dr. Stan Sidor shared that he has been appointed by Commissioner Corcoran to replace Dr. Ed Massey as the Articulation Coordinating Committee Chair. Dr. Sidor announced that the Committee is scheduled to meet virtually on November 16. He will provide a report at the November COP Business Meeting.

8.2 Distance Learning Committee

Dr. Stan Sidor shared that the Committee had a presentation from a recent Distance Learning Committee Survey. The survey is representative of all 28 colleges. The survey can be found in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website. Kendall St. Hilaire from Indian River State College and Michael Nathanson from Lake Sumter State College presented the findings from the survey. Dr. Gueverra presented the next steps for the Distance Learning Committee to the Council, which can be found on the last slide of the presentation. Dr. Sidor asked for approval from the Council for the Committee to move forward with the four recommendations. President Pickens stated that the consensus of the Council would be for the Committee to move forward with their work.

8.3 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

There was no report from the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium.

8.4 Media and Public Relations Committee

Dr. Tom Leitzel introduced Ms. Karen Moore and Mr. Logan Lewkow from Moore. Mr. Lewkow shared an update on recent messaging on behalf of the Florida

College System. He also shared a new infographic that will help share the message of how the Florida College System is working for Florida. The document can be found in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website. Mr. Lewkow shared that he will be working with the lobbyist group as legislative session approaches to ensure that all key priorities are a part of the messaging.

## 9.0 COP Support Council Reports

### 9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs

Dr. Brittany Snyder, chair, shared a brief Council update. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website.

### 9.2 Council of Student Affairs

Ms. Eileen Storck, chair, shared a brief Council update.

### 9.3 Council of Business Affairs

Dr. Heather Bigard, chair, shared a brief Council update. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials packet on the AFC website.

Dr. LoBasso asked about the ability to transfer funds in anticipation of upcoming budget cuts. President Pickens and President Falconetti will have further conversation on this matter with Chancellor Hebda and report back to the Council.

### 9.4 Florida Council for Resource Development

Mr. Cleve Warren, chair, shared a brief Council update. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website.

### 9.5 Council for Workforce Education

There was no report for the Council for Workforce Education.

### 9.6 AFC Legislative Committee Update (college staff lobbyists)

Ms. Jessica Kummerle, chair, shared that the Committee is working with Presidents Pickens and Falconetti to establish the legislative priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session. She also shared that the Committee will meet on Friday mornings prior to the Council of Presidents' Business Meetings. Once Legislative Session begins, the Committee will also meet on Monday afternoons.

## 10.0 Florida College System Activities Association

Dr. Stan Sidor introduced Ms. Kelly Warren, Executive Director of the Florida College System Activities Association.

### 10.1 New COP rep to the FCSAA Executive Committee

Due to Dr. Stan Sidor accepting the role of Articulation Coordinating Committee Chair, Ms. Warren announced that a new representative from the Council will be needed. President Pickens stated that the Council will take up this matter for a vote at the November COP Business Meeting.

### 10.2 Division Updates

Ms. Warren referred to the submitted Association report in the Meeting Materials Packet. She also shared that Brain Bowl and Student Government Association are

looking for recommendations on moving forward with their events. After some discussion, the Council agreed that both the Brain Bowl and Student Government Association events should be held virtually.

11.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report

Mr. Matthew White, 2020 AFC President, shared an update on recent Association events. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials Packet on the AFC website. Mr. White highlighted the Town Hall Meetings that the Association is currently hosting to hear from their members.

Ms. Marsha Kiner, AFC Interim Executive Director, updated the Council on the upcoming AFC Virtual Annual Meeting and Conference. The DRAFT Schedule at a Glance was provided in the Meeting Materials Packet. Ms. Kiner shared that the Association will begin providing professional development webinars directly to each FCS institution.

12.0 Announcements/Other Business

There were no additional announcements or other business for discussion.

13.0 ADJOURN

President Pickens adjourned the October 16, 2020, Zoom Council of Presidents' Business Meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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