

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES
Florida College System Council of Presidents'
Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2020

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Joe Pickens called the December 11, 2020, Florida College System Council of Presidents' Business Meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2.0 Quorum Check

Marsha Kiner, Association of Florida Colleges Interim Executive Director, took roll of the Presidents on the Zoom. The following were present on the Zoom:

President Greg Haile
President Sarah Clemmons
President Jim Henningsen
President Tom LoBasso
President Jeff Allbritton via proxy Dr. Gina Doeble
President John Avendano
President John Holdnak
President Ken Atwater
President Tim Moore
President Stan Sidor
President John Grosskopf
President Devin Stephenson
President Tim Beard
President Ed Meadows
President Angela Falconetti
President Paul Broadie
President Georgia Lorenz
President Tom Leitzel
President Joe Pickens
President Tonjua Williams
President Jim Murdaugh

3.0 Council of Presidents Minutes

3.1 Council of Presidents Zoom Business Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2020

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Lorenz and a second by Dr. Holdnak, the October 16, 2020, Council of Presidents' Zoom Business Meeting Minutes were adopted as presented.*

4.0 Report of the Chair

President Joe Pickens stated that he and Dr. Falconetti, Policy and Advocacy Chair, will continue to meet with Association of Florida Colleges leadership, the Association of Florida Colleges Legislative Committee, and Legislators in preparation for the

2021 Legislative Session. He plans to present to the legislative agenda to the Council in January 2021.

5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Kathy Hebda shared a brief update from the Division of Florida Colleges. She shared that the Division will be opening the rule on Textbook Affordability in the spring. Chancellor Hebda shared the next State Board of Education meeting will be on January 13, 2021, at Daytona State College. President Pickens stated that he is scheduled to be in Tallahassee at that time and asked Dr. LoBasso, Daytona State College President to represent the Council on his behalf. Dr. LoBasso agreed.

Chancellor Hebda shared that she would be sending out a report that details upcoming deadlines. Chancellor Hebda referred to a recent article published in, Inside Higher Ed, highlighting the success of the Florida College System as shown in a recent study on developmental education.

President Pickens referred to a previous discussion with Chancellor Hebda about the ability to transfer funds from Fund 7 to Fund 1. He stated that the presidents would like the flexibility should it be available in case of need. Chancellor Hebda shared that the flexibility of moving the funds had been allowed previously during the pandemic. She suggested that a good way to look at the situation would be to monitor what is going on in colleges' budgets and revisit the transfer if it appears to be needed.

6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

Chancellor Henry Mack shared a brief update from the Division of Career and Adult Education. He referred to Awaiting Limited Access which is related to the Perkins allocations. He reminded the Council that in September 2020 a statewide board group had convened to investigate the matter of FCS students who have signaled an intent to enroll in a career and technical education program, but formal enrollment had not yet been realized. The board had worked to define the implications for financial aid. He shared that the Department is still in conversation with the US Department of Education, Office of Financial Aid, about the new definition implications for financial aid eligibility. He anticipates having an answer back soon.

Chancellor Mack reported that the CTE Audit is now complete. A statewide review of all 1,200 CTE programs was performed. Programs that failed to meet benchmarks in either market demand or in terms of institutional performance, were sent down for local review.

Travis Jordan, Statewide Director, Career & Technical Education Outreach & Recruitment, shared a presentation on the recent, Get There Campaign, which was launched by the Division. The campaign was aimed to promote workforce education from a state and local perspective.

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

President Joe Pickens presented the Facilities Lease Agreement to the Council. The Facilities Lease Agreement can be found in the Meeting Materials packet on the AFC

website. Marsha Kiner, AFC Interim Executive Director stated that the lease is a continuation from the previous year. The lease runs from January 4, 2021 through April 30, 2021 and the rent is due in full prior to occupancy at \$700 a month plus a 7.5% sales tax. In total, the amount will equal just over \$3000. The space is primarily utilized by the college lobbyists.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Atwater and a second by Dr. Henningsen the Facilities Lease Agreement with Tallahassee Community College for the AFC Legislative Committee was adopted unanimously. Dr. Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee Community College, recused himself from the vote.*

8.0 COP Committee and Work Group Reports

8.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee

Dr. Stan Sidor reported that the Committee recently met on November 19, 2020.

8.2 Distance Learning Committee

Dr. Stan Sidor reported that the Committee is currently working on recommendations that were shared after the Committee's presentation at the previous Council meeting.

8.3 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

Dr. John Holdnak shared that he would be sending out some documents with more information. He shared that it is projected that insurance prices will increase along with Workers' Compensation.

8.4 Media and Public Relations Committee

Dr. Tom Leitzel asked Logan Lewkow from the Moore, to share an update on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Lewkow shared that he has been working with the Legislative Committee and Chancellor Hebda's office on material for the upcoming Legislative Session. Mr. Lewkow reported that the FundFLColleges.com landing page will also be updated to reflect the legislative priorities of the Florida College System.

President Pickens stated that he and President Haile would like to meet with Mr. Lewkow soon in regard to an equity initiative.

9.0 COP Support Council Reports

9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs

Dr. Brittany Snyder shared an update from the Council of Instructional Affairs. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials packet on the AFC website.

9.2 Council of Student Affairs

Ms. Eileen Storck briefly shared an update from the Council of Student Affairs. Dr. Stork reported on the findings from a recent CSA survey. Dr. Beard requested that the results be shared with the Council. AFC will forward the email once received.

9.3 Council of Business Affairs

Dr. Heather Bigard shared a brief update from the Council of Business Affairs. The rising cost of unemployment rates is currently a big topic for the Council.

9.4 Florida Council for Resource Development

Mr. Cleve Warren shared an update for the Florida Council for Resource

Development. A submitted report is available in the Meeting Materials packet on the AFC website.

9.5 Council for Workforce Education

There was no update from the Council for Workforce Education.

9.6 AFC Legislative Committee Update (college staff lobbyists)

Ms. Jessica Kummerle thanked the Council for approving the Facilities Lease Agreement to allow the college lobbyists a space to meet during Legislative session, especially with meetings being very limited this year. Ms. Kummerle reported that, as of now, in the House, only one staff member per Legislator is allowed. She has not heard about the Senate.

Ms. Kummerle has created spreadsheets of current Legislative Committee Assignments. She plans to share the spreadsheet with the Council.

10.0 Florida College System Activities Association

Dr. Stan Sidor asked Ms. Kelly Warren to present on behalf of the FCSAA.

10.1 Appointment of new COP Rep to FCSAA Executive Committee

Ms. Warren shared that Dr. Avendano has been nominated to represent the COP to the FCSAA Executive Committee.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Moore and a second by Dr. Holdnak, the nomination for Dr. Avendano to represent the COP to the FCSAA Executive Committee was approved unanimously.*

10.2 Council for Athletic Affairs Spring 2021 COVID plan

Ms. Warren shared that the revised Council for Athletic Affairs Spring 2021 COVID plan could be found in the Meeting Materials packet. Ms. Warren detailed the revised language. Ms. Warren shared that Matt Ennis, CAA Chair was also present to answer any questions in regards to the plan presented.

President Pickens called for a motion of the plan as presented.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Clemmons and a second by Dr. Lorenz the Council for Athletic Affairs Spring 2021 COVID plan was presented for further discussion and a vote by the Council.*

Dr. Lorenz asked for clarification on the different testing for indoor and outdoor sports. Ms. Warren confirmed that all athletes will need to present a negative test result upon returning to school in January 2021, from that point forward, testing would be handled on an as needed basis. Dr. Moore asked if this matter could be revisited as needed. Dr. Meadows asked for clarification on the questions that are asked during the pre-screening questionnaire to the athletes of opposing schools. Ms. Warren confirmed that they would be asked the same questions during the pre-screening questionnaire.

Dr. LoBasso presented an amendment to have weekly minimum random COVID testing for athletes participating indoor sports. He suggested 50% of players for basketball and either the same or 25% of players for volleyball.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. LoBasso and a second by Dr. Murdaugh the amendment to require weekly random COVID testing of athletes, 50% for basketball teams and 25% for volleyball teams, was brought forward for a vote*

by the Council.

Dr. Holdnak raised the concern that an infected athlete may not be tested if testing is done at random. Dr. LoBasso stated that it would be a higher likelihood of success. Dr. Moore asked what type of test would be used. Dr. Leitzel raised the concern that test kits are not readily available in all areas of the state and even if they are, the ability to receive rapid results, especially in rural areas, may present further problems. President Pickens asked about the state of an athlete who is awaiting test results prior to game. Dr. LoBasso stated that unless an athlete is symptomatic, then nothing changes unless a positive result is found from the random testing.

President Pickens called for a roll call vote on just the amendment presented by Dr. LoBasso. Dr. Lorenz asked if the amendment would create a new bullet point in the COVID plan for indoor sports, to distinguish it from outdoor sports. She also commented that being a school with no indoor sports she didn't feel comfortable voting on an issue that would be imposing on other schools. Ms. Warren shared that CAA is concerned about colleges who would lack the financial ability to require mandatory testing and/or access to the tests. Such a burden would likely prevent some schools from being able to participate in indoor sports. Mr. Ennis added that a majority of colleges are using a symptom based COVID testing strategy. Mr. Ennis asked for clarification on the amendment, would it require only athletes to be tested or staff as well. Dr. LoBasso replied that it would only apply to athletes. President Pickens asked Ms. Kiner to conduct a roll call vote on the amendment as presented by Dr. LoBasso. The results of the vote are listed below:

7 Nay

5 Yay

5 Abstained from voting

Action: *Upon conducting a roll call vote, the amendment to require weekly random COVID testing of athletes, 50% for basketball teams and 25% for volleyball teams did not pass.*

President Pickens called for a vote on the original motion to accept and adopt the Council for Athletic Affairs Spring 2021 COVID plan as presented in the Meeting Materials packet.

Action: *The motion by Dr. Clemmons that was seconded by Dr. Lorenz to accept the CAA Spring COVID plan was adopted by a majority of the votes. There was one opposing vote.*

11.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report

Mr. Matthew White reported to the Council that this would be his final report of his AFC Presidency. He introduced the 2021 AFC President Mr. Ray Coulter from Palm Beach State College.

12.0 Announcements/Other Business

There was no other business for discussion.

13.0 ADJOURN

President Pickens adjourned the December 11, 2020, Florida College System Council of Presidents' Zoom Business Meeting at 3:06 p.m.