

**ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES**  
**Florida College System Council of Presidents**  
**Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**November 17, 2022**

**9:00 am**

**Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting**

1.0 Welcome and Remarks

Dr. Tim Beard called the October 21, 2022, Council of Presidents' meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Williams redirected the Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting to Chair Beard at 1:01 p.m.

2.0 Legislative Update

Dr. Beard shared that they all continue to work with the lobbying group. They have had one workshop about two weeks ago more of an organization structural meeting, which they plan to go forward with and commit various committees as they approach the twenty-three legislative session. Dr. Beard thanked the Presidents for allowing their representatives to be on the call. He shared that they had a very productive meeting look forward to working with this group and the best way we can to leverage their expertise and relationships with our legislators throughout this session and throughout the year.

Mr. Seth McKeel gave an update on the election. He shared that the Governor won with a historic margin last week as well as super majorities in both the Senate and the House, and those have procedural implications, super majorities in the in the House and in the Senate, which we haven't had those for a few cycles and so that'll be a new change, and we continue to work regularly with the department who has recommended great increases for us in their budget requests. We're excited to be supporting everything that the Commissioner is doing along that line and a couple of announcements were made this week. The Senate leadership made some leadership announcements. Senator Broxson from the Panhandle will be the appropriations chair in the Florida Senate going forward. We have great work in relationship with you. He is a great advocate of our system. Senate President also made other leadership appointments: Senator Mayfield, Rules Committee, Senator Hudson, that fiscal policy which is a a new committee, Senator Allbritten, Majority leader.

Dr. Beard shared that everyone received a copy of the committee meetings schedule. December 12<sup>th</sup> kicks everything off with a special session. He

recommended that everyone ensure they participate or have representation at these meetings.

3.0 Chair Beard adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Meeting at 1:06 p.m.

### **COP Business Meeting**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - Welcome and Remarks

Dr. Timothy Beard, vice chair, called the November 17, 2022, Council of Presidents' Business Meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2.0 Quorum Check

Ms. Solange Fernandez Del Pino, Exec. Assistant to President Kathleen Plinkse, took roll of the presidents who were present and on the conference call to ensure that a quorum was met.

President Jeff Allbritten  
President Heather Bigard  
President Timothy Beard  
President Ed Meadows

President Georgia Lorenz  
President Thomas Leitzel  
President Kathleen Plinske

President Greg Haile  
President James Henningsen  
President Madeline Pumariega  
President Angela M. Garcia Falconetti  
President Ava Parker  
President Paul Broadie

3.0 Council of Presidents Minutes

Dr. Williams called for a motion to approve the Council of Presidents' October 21, 2022, Business Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Dr. Henningsen and a second by Dr. Lorenz the October 21 Council of Presidents' Business Meeting Minutes were unanimously adopted.*

4.0 Report of the Chair /Vice Chair

Dr. Beard shared that he and Dr. Williams are both in Panama City and the AFC Conference. He shared that they have been working closely with the interim director Dr. Larry Tyree. He shared that they have great speakers and presentations regarding our employees and our system, our importance of what we do with students every day.

Dr. Beard shared that as a council, we have a lot of opportunities to rebuild AFC, but they're going to really need our support as we continue to work with Dr. Larry Tyree going forward with a great plan to improve membership

and have a greater a level of camaraderie with our Council presidents. We know he's interim, but we need to be thinking as we go, how can we better improve the relationship with AFC.

Dr. Beard shared that he and Dr. Williams have been working very close together are working with Karen Moore, putting together that one pager for Accelerate Florida and if we need a second page just for more specification, we'll develop that too. He mentioned that the next few days they will get that those talking points for the elevator speech as we go and look into what our priorities will be and how they will advocate for the accelerate Florida plan.

He reminded the Presidents that the schedule for Committee Weeks was sent out and they do plan to be in Tallahassee on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They are exploring, and we continue to explore, in terms of an appropriation request during the special session. They will be working with President Williams, Seth and perhaps other lobbyists to see the appropriateness of it as they want to be at the table. We will be in Tallahassee, but we do need to speak with President Grosskopf and Dr. Garcia-Falconetti about how they are going to approach the special session.

President Georgia Lorenz stated one thing they have done in the past, they had the system information on one side of the one pager, and then the opportunity to highlight things related to their own college on the back side. For example, if they want to say increase our nursing program capacity, then on the other side personalize it to say Seminole State has done Xyz.

President Leitzel asked if that is something they would like to continue.

President Lorenz shared that yes, it would be more efficient.

#### 5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Chancellor Kathy Hebda

Chancellor Hebda gave an update on behalf of herself and Chancellor O'Farrell. She shared that her main update is regarding rules. They have some rule development workshops and are still working on dates for the math pathways folks from Valencia and UCF who will spend some time with you all hopefully. the week after Thanksgiving. They have one nailed down and are trying to get the other one nailed down. In the meantime they do have a rule workshop coming up for the three math pathways rules. She shared that the presidents want to make sure your folks are attending, and she will send out her comments and talking points after the meeting. There are three rules that are associated with math pathways that that will work in conjunction with establishing those pathways and the eligible courses that go in each one. Those three rules will have a workshop on January 18<sup>th</sup> via webinar.

She stated the information has been sent to the presidents teams and will be sent to the Presidents to make sure that they are aware and can make sure they're there to ask questions and look at the proposed language. The proposed language for each one of those rules is also on the State Board of Education Web page under proposed rules for development.

Chancellor Hebda shared that it came up that morning, some questions about teacher preparation programs and things that are coming on the horizon. With regard to apprenticeships and other things, they are working on a time to do that as well, and perhaps get it in conjunction on the same day, based on their calendars.

The only other rule workshop on the horizon is not until the twenty ninth of November. That's a rule that Implements House Bill, 1577, which is post secondary education benefits, and services for students who have been in or are in foster care or experiencing homelessness. There's some implementation with regard to that going to be in that rule, and that rule workshop is coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup>. So your student services and other folks will be interested in that.

#### 6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education– Chancellor Kevin O'Farrell

Chancellor Hebda provided an update on behalf of Chancellor O'Farrell. She shared that with regards to the PIPELINE funding, they are no longer required to do an RFA to receive that funding. They have found a way to make it work without one based on how it's in the budget. Those participating in pipeline will get half of their appropriation on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the other two quarters of the appropriation, January 15<sup>th</sup> , and April 15<sup>th</sup> . Keep in mind that how you indicated you were going to spend the funds in the RFA ss still the expectation. So even though there is no RFA process any longer for the pipeline funds, unless something changes, that's still how they are anticipating that you'll spend the money.

The other announcement or reminder from Career adult education is, they are in the middle of a window that's open for the master credential list. If you have a credential that you would like placed on the Cape List, that is now also the master credential list. That window is open until the end of this month. That goes to career source. Career source sent out information, and then DOE repeated it in the biweekly memo the last one that was sent out from the division.

Chancellor added that the Chancellor's leadership seminar, started last month. Thank you very much to Valencia College for hosting, and for those of you that

were able to send someone. We had twenty-one colleges represented, and it was a great group of professionals. It's just a sample of all the great folks that work in our institutions. They did a super job. Um! I, of course, probably learned much more from them than they learned from me or anybody else presenting. They did get really good feedback on the presentation through the evaluations and look forward to having another one of those if not next year than the year following. She thanked everyone who participated, and also who sent some of your folks to present and one of the highlights was the three Valencia college students that kicked off the leadership seminar, hearing their stories, and how they came through completely different pathways into the college system, and how they've been able to be successful, and also the things that they wish they had. They gave the participants some really good feedback on what we can all do differently and what's working for them. That was just fantastic to lead off with students. She thanked President Plinske for making that happen. She added that the day before she finished twenty-seven out of twenty-eight visits with Santa Fe college, and that was fun. She got to meet with a couple of President Brodie's trustees, do some catching up, had a great tour and great time again, with some amazing students at Santa Fe College and not to mention the Galapagos turtles that are at the Zoo. So that was fun, too. That was nice Bonus.

President Meadows referenced the statewide committee that was working on cyber security and embedded certificates. Do we know how far we are with that. The embedded certificates that lead to the Associate and Baccalaureate degrees. Those workforce so quick response certificates.

Chancellor Hebda shared that she will check with Chancellor O'Farrell and his team.

President Henningsen asked if there was an update on the LINE finding process. Does the money have to expended this year.

Chancellor Hebda shard that she will find out the date, but thinks they are close to a decision.

## 7.0 Association of Florida Colleges – Dr. Larry Tyree

Dr. Tyree shared that he's been focusing on is the financial stability of the organization and thanked the colleges who have responded by providing their institutional dues that will help them transform during the coming months. He shared that next month they will have their AFC convention in Panama City, FL and encouraged the colleges to send their teams to attend. He also commended the full-time staff. Dr. Tyree stated that he and Dr. Murdaugh and others will be meeting about the future of AFC going forward. He stated two of the most

important things that need to be addressed are the memorandum of understanding between the two organizations and what's going to happen with the position that he currently holds. Dr. Williams thanked Dr. Tyree and Dr. Murdaugh for the work they are doing. She shared that she knows it's going to take a little time and also thanked the presidents for submitting their institutional dues. Dr. Beard and Dr. Allbritten shared their support to AFC.

8.0 New Business and Action Items that require feedback or consensus – none

9.0 Informational Reports (no feedback or consensus required - see attached)

#### COP Committee and Work Group Reports

9.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee – No Report

9.2 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

9.3 Media and Public Relations Committee

#### COP Support Council Reports

9.4 Council of Instructional Affairs

9.5 Council of Student Affairs

9.6 Council of Business Affairs

9.7 Florida Council for Resource Development

9.8 Council for Workforce Education

10.0 Announcements

11.0 ADJOURN

Dr. Williams adjourned the October 21<sup>st</sup>, Council of Presidents' Business Meeting at 10:01 a.m.