

**Florida College System Council of Presidents
Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting**

**Association of Florida Colleges
Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 9:00 AM EST
Zoom**

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COP Business Meeting

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - Welcome and Remarks – President Ed Meadows
- 2.0 Quorum Check – Mr. Tony Carvajal
- 3.0 Council of Presidents’ Minutes – President Ed Meadows
 - 3.1 Council of Presidents Business Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2024
- 4.0 Policy and Advocacy Committee – President Jeff Allbritten
 - 4.1 Legislative Agenda Priorities
 - 4.2 Legislative Updates
- 5.0 Report of the Chair – President Ed Meadows
- 6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Chancellor Kathy Hebda
- 7.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education – Chancellor Kevin O’Farrell
- 8.0 Other COP Committee and Work Group Reports
 - 8.1 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – President Jim Henningsen and President Tonjua Williams
 - 8.2 Articulation Coordinating Committee – President Paul Broadie
 - 8.3 Media and Public Relations Committee – President Devin Stephenson and President Angela Garcia Falconetti, with Moore Agency
- 9.0 COP Support Council Reports
 - 9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs – Mr. Rich Senker
 - 9.2 Council of Student Affairs – Dr. Erik D’Aquino
 - 9.3 Council for Workforce Education – Dr. Jodi Long

- President Heather Bigard
- 9.4 Council of Business Affairs – Mr. Chuck Prince
 - 9.5 Florida Council for Resource Development – Ms. Jamie Bateman
- 10.0 Florida College System Activities Association – President John Avendano and Ms. Kelly Warren
- 10.1 FCSAA Report
- 11.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report
- 11.1 AFC Updates – Mr. Matt Wetzel
 - 11.2 CEO Report – Mr. Tony Carvajal
- 12.0 Announcements, Celebrations, and Other Business
- 13.0 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 27, 2024	State Board of Education Meeting – Winter Park
April 17-18, 2024	Dual Enrollment Success – Pensacola
April 18-19, 2024	Council of Presidents Meetings – Pensacola
May 16-17, 2024	Council of Presidents Meetings – TBD
May 29, 2024	State Board of Education Meeting – Miami
May 30-31, 2024	Save Date for Commissioner’s proposed convenings with SUS presidents (TBD) – Miami
May 29-30, 2024	Campus Safety & Resilience Symposium – Daytona State
June 11-12, 2024	Dual Enrollment Success – Fort Myers
June 12-13, 2024	Council of Presidents Meetings – Fort Myers

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting Minutes (DRAFT until approved)

February 15, 2024- TCC Center for Innovation, Tallahassee

Call To Order

President Ed Meadows called the Council of Presidents meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. ET.

Introduction of Polk State College Leadership Institute

President Meadows recognized President Falconetti to introduce the President’s Leadership Institute attendees, led by Dr. Craig Collins, AVP of Corporate and Leadership Development at Polk State College.

Roll Call and Quorum Check (alpha by college, 15 presidents required for quorum)

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| Chipola: President Sarah Clemmons | Palm Beach: President Ava Parker |
| College of Central FL: President Jim Henningsen | Pasco-Hernando: President Jessie Pisors |
| Daytona: President Tom LoBasso | Pensacola: President Ed Meadows |
| FL Southwestern: President Jeff Allbritten | Polk: President Angela Garcia Falconetti |
| FSCJ: President John Avendano | Santa-Fe: President Paul Broadie |
| Gulf Coast: President Glen McDonald | St. Johns: President Joe Pickens |
| Hillsborough: Eric Johnson (proxy) for President Ken Atwater | Seminole: President Georgia Lorenz |
| Indian River: Marvin Pyle (proxy) for President Tim Moore | South Florida: President Fred Hawkins |
| Lake-Sumter: President Heather Bigard | State College of FL: Julie Jakway (proxy) for President Carol Probstfeld |
| North FL: President John Grosskopf | Tallahassee: President Jim Murdaugh |
| | Valencia: President Kathleen Plinske |

A quorum was present.

Council of Presidents Minutes

A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Policy and Advocacy Business Meeting, and the February 8, 2024 Emergency Meeting of the Council of Presidents, as presented.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

President Allbritten provided updates on the Committee’s legislative proposals, emphasizing support for the inclusion of the FCS in the State Government Health Insurance Program (SGIP) and the other legislative budget requests, as approved at the prior COP meeting.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Hebda provided updates on the Commissioner’s recent Ignite Innovation and Teacher Preparation summit, General Education Technical Assistance webinar, and upcoming rulemaking on emergency opioid devices and medications. The Chancellor reminded presidents to have their general education list approved by their Board of Trustees and submitted by September 1st.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

Chancellor Kevin O'Farrell reminded presidents that February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) month and that last year Florida had record enrollment with almost 229,000 students involved in CTE. Chancellor O'Farrell reminded the presidents to work with their staff to prioritize dispersal of funds from the Open-Door program grant. He also highlighted that a survey was sent to institutions related to Senate Bill 240 which is requiring institutions to identify three programs to guarantee money back, to be completed by February 27. Lastly, the Chancellor advised that there will be a webinar on March 7th for public comment on the Perkins V. The new plan will be submitted on May 11th.

COP Committee and Workgroup Reports

Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

President Meadows recognized President Jim Henningsen to present the FCSRMC report.

At 9:31 am, Dr. Henningsen convened the Risk Management Consortium meeting to order. Dr. Henningsen asked Chauncey Fagler and Tony Ganstine to provide their report. Mr. Fagler and Mr. Ganstine discussed property casualty insurance renewal, budget overview, exposures analysis, administrative budget, confidence level funding, insurance premium credit, audit report, financial updates, and other items included in the FCSRMC packet.

1. Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal:

- Property Renewal at \$100 million limit approved by Ops Committee.
- Property Premiums increased 5%, compared to last year's significant increase.
- Cyber market showing improvement, considering additional limits.

2. Budget Overview:

- Property insurance increased from 75 to 100 million.
- Premium increases discussed, mainly in property, cyber, and confidence level funding.
- Loss fund increased by \$500,000.
- Total funding went up by approximately \$5 million.
- Workers' comp collateral and confidence level funding explained.

3. Exposures Analysis:

- Allocation breakdown explained based on FTE and total insured value (TIV).
- Workers' comp rates influenced by experience modifier.
- Page-by-page breakdown provides clarity.

4. Administrative Budget:

- Consortium salaries and operating expenses detailed.
- Budget down \$5,000 from previous year.

5. Confidence Level Funding:

- Split between CAT exposures and other losses.
- Actuarial worksheets provided for reference.

6. Insurance Premium Credit:

- Acknowledged \$77,000 credit from United Educators due to risk management webinar participation.
- Appreciate the colleges' efforts in risk management.

7. Audit Report:

- Thanks to Dr. Brody and the Santa Fe College team for facilitating audits.
- The audit by James Moore resulted in no findings, with commendation for Santa Fe College's efforts.

A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to accept the property and casualty program and the audit report as presented.

At 9:57 am, Dr. Henningsen adjourned the Risk Management Council meeting and expressed gratitude to presidents, and staff, for their dedication amidst challenging circumstances.

Articulation Coordinating Committee

President Broadie advised that the Committee's next meeting will be later this month.

Media and Public Relations Committee

President Falconetti thanked Karen Moore and Moore Communications, highlighting legislative engagement efforts, and social media initiatives. Dr. Falconetti also encouraged colleges to submit success stories for broader recognition; highlighted the importance of social media engagement, particularly targeting key legislators; urged colleges to participate in social media initiatives and share appreciation for legislative support; and reminded presidents that April's focus will be on highlighting college presidents and asked that presidents send in updated logos and headshots.

Karen Moore reported that the next PIO meeting is scheduled for March 20. Ms. Moore shared plans to amplify the SGIP letter signed by college presidents on social media and reminded presidents to submit student stories to Kendra Parsons.

COP Support Council Reports

President Plinske provided the reports for the following COP Support Councils as the chairs were holding their joint councils meeting at the same time as the COP meeting. The reports from CIA, CSA, and CWE noted changes to general education and core curriculum, FAFSA simplification delays, legislative priorities, and utilization of Open-Door Grant funds.

President Bigard reported for the COBA and FCRD. The Council of Business Affairs continues to lead the effort in the conversations around the health care transition. President Bigard advised that presidents should be receiving the FCRD newsletter highlighting the achievements and grant awards.

Report of the Florida College System Activities Association

President Avendano asked Kelly Warren, Executive Director of the FCSAA, to provide an update.

Mrs. Warren provided updates on music division resurgence, Hall of Fame induction of John Anderson, Forensics Division tournaments, Brain Bowl regionals, college basketball rankings, and reminded presidents that they could request event attendance cards for trustees.

Report of the Association of Florida Colleges

AFC CEO/Executive Director Carvajal highlighted the recent leadership summit, the Trustee Legislative Fly In, the upcoming Campus Safety and Resilience Summit (5/28-29), and Florida's leadership in workforce education. Mr. Carvajal also advised of upcoming conversations related to dual enrollment and invited Colleges to participate in a call with a national funder interested in providing support for CNA training initiatives. Chancellor O'Farrell encouraged presidents to participate in the informational discussion with Dwyer Workforce Development.

Other Business

President Pickens asked Chancellor Hebda for clarification regarding possibility of sending a proxy to the proposed Commissioner convenings (FCS & SUS) to be held in Miami following the SBOE meeting.

President Pickens also asked about accessing FEMA funding for future disasters, with discussion on eligibility criteria and prior challenges faced by colleges in pursuing claims. Tony Ganstine provided information on the process of accessing FEMA funding and potential solutions for colleges facing financial constraints. Mr. Ganstine noted that colleges are eligible to pursue FEMA funding individually, but challenges exist in meeting deductible requirements and accessing funds when the process is run through the consortium. The Council discussed the issue, focusing on the challenge of accessing FEMA funding for colleges in the event of disasters, with concerns raised about repayment if FEMA money is not received. Suggestions included passing deductible costs to colleges in policy readings to potentially become FEMA eligible, though funding implications for colleges were highlighted. President Pickens suggested exploring models from other states where community college systems have easier access to FEMA funding, highlighting the need for potential federal-level intervention.

Chancellor Hebda provided updates on pending funding announcements and upcoming State Board meetings. She also recognized colleges in various categories in the recent U.S. News and World Report's online degree programs rankings.

President Meadows reminded presidents to continue to forward accolades for inclusion in the COP reports to the State Board of Education.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. ET.

Prepared by Eileen Johnson.

Reviewed and submitted by: Tony Carvajal

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Council of Presidents Update

March 2024

The Council of Instructional Affairs held our Business Meeting on February 15, 2024.

We focused on the topics listed below.

- Legislative Updates
- Curriculum Updates
 - Math Pathways
 - Guidance from the FLDOE for General Education Core
- Accreditation Updates

On March 6, 2024, 47 members of the CIA met virtually to discuss the FLDOE's feedback and guidance on the new math pathways. We are in the process of drafting questions and recommendations for the Chancellors.

Submitted by Richard Senker, CIA Chair

March 7, 2024

Council on Workforce Report – March 2024

- The CWE Steering committee met to discuss Gainful employment.
- The Committee has been tracking all pertinent legislation and respective progress through the legislative session.
- The Committee has specifically followed all legislation related to the GATES Scholarship program (SB 7032, SB 2516, SB 7051) for its impact on FCS institutions. This information was shared at the statewide CWE meeting on February 15, 2024. Additionally, a review of potential concerns and impact is included below

GE Accountability Metrics

Under the GE program accountability framework, the Department assesses whether career programs meet the statutory requirement of preparing students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation using two separate and independent metrics:

1. A **debt-to-earnings rate** that compares the median annual payments on loan debt borrowed for the program to the median earnings of its Federally aided graduates. For a program to pass, its graduates' debt payments must be no more than 8% of annual earnings or 20% of discretionary earnings, which is defined as annual earnings minus 150% of the Federal poverty guideline for a single individual (about \$21,870 in 2023).
2. A new **earnings premium test** that measures whether the typical graduate from a program who received Federal aid is earning at least as much as a typical high school graduate in the labor force (i.e., either working or unemployed) in their State between the ages of 25 and 34. This is equal to roughly \$25,000 nationally but varies across States.

We are waiting on further guidance on this from the Feds and the State.

- The CWE steering committee also discussed the new Proposed Perkins targets. The Steering committee will re-convene after the FLDOE webinar on March 11, 2024.



Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

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Information Item: Student Government Division

The Student Government Division hosted their SGA February Leadership Conference February 23-24. Total attendance was 203 students and advisors. Our thanks to Dr. Jim Henningsen and the College of Central Florida Student Life team for hosting; Marjorie McGee and her students as well as Cheryl Crosby and her staff are to be commended for a job well done.

The SGA April Conference and Elections was scheduled for April 19-20 at Indian River State College. Indian River is now unable to host due to staffing changes, so the conference will be hosted by Seminole State College, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus. My thanks for Dr. Georgia Lorenz and her Student Activities and Athletics staff for agreeing us host us on short notice.

Information Item: Men's DII Basketball

The FCSAA Division II/NJCAA Region 8 Championship was held March 1-2 at Palm Beach State College. Our thanks to President Ava Parker and her Athletics team for hosting.

- FCSAA Champions: Florida State College at Jacksonville
- FCSAA Runner-up: Florida Gateway College
- Tournament MVP: Tarence Guinyard, Florida State College at Jacksonville
- FCSAA Coach of the Year: John Putyrski, Florida State College at Jacksonville
- FCSAA Player of the Year: Tarence Guinyard, Florida State College at Jacksonville

FCSAA DII All-Tournament Team: Devontre Chaney, Palm Beach State; Antewan Webber, Florida Gateway; Amayoa'ah Phillips, Florida Gateway; Tarence Guinyard, Florida State College at Jacksonville; Jordan Smith, Florida State College at Jacksonville; Aiden Fletcher, Florida State College at Jacksonville.

DII All-FCSAA/All-NJCAA Region 8: Devontre Chaney, Palm Beach State; Erick Perez, Palm Beach State; Jaiden Wynn, Palm Beach State; Xavier Gordon-Somers, Pasco-Hernando State; Tarence Guinyard, Florida State College at Jacksonville; Alex McCray, Florida State College at Jacksonville; Amayoa'ah Phillips, Florida Gateway; Antewan Webber, Florida Gateway.

Next up: FSCJ will play Region 22 (Alabama) Champion Snead State Community College in the Gulf South District Championship Game, Saturday, March 9, in Bay Minette, Ala. The winner advances to the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship in Danville, Ill., March 18-23.

Information Item: Women's DII Basketball

In Women's Division II Basketball, the NJCAA Region 8 championship is determined by head-to-head play during the regular season, as we currently only have two DII women's teams.

- NJCAA Division II Region 8 Champions: Palm Beach State College

- NJCAA Division II Region 8 Runner-up: Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Player of the Year: Ashley Thornton, Palm Beach State College
- Coach of the Year: Maureen Smith, Palm Beach State College

DII All-NJCAA Region 8: Taylor Blackshear, Palm Beach State; Savannah McAfee, Palm Beach State; Ashley Thornton, Palm Beach State; Keri Cooper, Palm Beach State College; Kyra Frazine, Florida State College at Jacksonville; Tanaujeah Brown, Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Next up: Palm Beach State will play Region 22 (Alabama) Champion Coastal Alabama Community College-North in the Gulf South District Championship Game, Saturday, March 9, in Bay Minette, Ala. The winner advances to the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship in Joplin, Mo., March 18-23.

Information Item: Swimming and Diving

Indian River State College will host the NJCAA Swimming & Diving Championships, March 6-9. Both Indian River State College and the College of the Florida Keys will be represented in the meet. The Indian River men are going for a 50th straight National Championship while the women are going for a 42nd straight title.

Information Item: FCSAA Upcoming Programs

March 13, 15-16	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Men's Basketball Tournament, NWFSC
March 14-16	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Women's Basketball Tournament, NWFSC
March 22-23	FCSAA State Brain Bowl Tournament, Santa Fe College
April 18-20	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 Tennis Tournament, Hillsborough Community College
April 19-20	FCSSGA Year End Conference/Elections, Seminole State College, Sanford/Lake Mary
April 19-20	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 Beach Volleyball Tournament, Bradenton
May 2-5	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DII Baseball Tournament, Location TBA
May 5-7	FCSAA DI Baseball State Tournament Semi-Finals, Locations TBA
May 8-11	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Softball Tournament, Clearwater
May 10-13	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Baseball Tournament Finals, Tampa
May 23	FCSAA Executive Committee Spring Meeting, 8:30am-3pm, Daytona State College
June 4-5	Council for Athletic Affairs Spring Meeting, Tallahassee Community College
June 13-15	FCSSGA Summer Advisors' Workshop, SJRSC, St. Augustine Campus (Tentative)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Warren,
FCSAA Executive Director

Rob Chaney,
FCSAA Associate Director