

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

April 24, 2020

Dr. Jim Murdaugh, chair, called the April 24, 2020, Florida College System Council of Presidents teleconference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Remarks

Dr. Murdaugh thanked everyone for joining the call. He asked Michael Brawer to take roll of the presidents on the call.

The following presidents were present on the call: (proxy)

Greg Haile

Sarah Clemmons

Jim Henningsen

Tom LoBasso

Jim Richey

Jeff Allbritten

Lawrence Barrett (Mike McKee)

John Avendano

John Holdnak

Ken Atwater

Ed Massey

Stanley Sidor

Rolando Montoya

John Grosskopf

Devin Stephenson (Jack Capra)

Ava Parker

Tim Beard

Ed Meadows

Angela Garcia-Falconetti

Paul Broadie

Georgia Lorenz

Thomas Litzel

Carol Probstfeld

Joe Pickens

Tonjua Williams

Jim Murdaugh

Sandy Shugart

2.0 Council of Presidents Minutes

Dr. Murdaugh presented the minutes for approval.

2.1 Approval, Council of Presidents Business Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2020

2.1 Approval, Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2020

2.1 Approval, Council of Presidents Teleconference Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2020

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Tonjua Williams and a second by Dr. Rolando Montoya, the February 19 Council of Presidents Business Meeting Minutes, February 19 Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes and Council of Presidents Teleconference Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.*

3.0 Report of the Chair

Dr. Murdaugh thanked the presidents for all the work they are doing in their communities on behalf of the Florida College System.

4.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Kathy Hebda shared that the Division has been working along with the college Public Information Officers to highlight all of the things that each college has been doing during the COVID-19 quarantine and to celebrate National Community College month. Next month the Division will work with the PIOs to highlight graduation ceremonies and/or other events that are happening virtually now as a result to COVID-19.

Chancellor Hebda shared that the Reopening Task Force is happening and she expressed thanks to Governor Desantis for highlighting postsecondary education, particularly the Florida College System and Workforce Education. Chancellor Hebda highlighted some of the presentations from the task force meetings.

Chancellor Hebda shared that everything is still on hold with the budget and bills, however the Division has prepared information that they would be sharing in regards to Senate Bill 72, House Bill 171 and Senate Bill 646. That information will be sent once the bills have been signed by the governor.

Chancellor Hebda shared that the State Board of Education will meet on May 13, 2020, and take up the amendment to a civic literacy competency rule. If the rule is accepted at the May 13 meeting the assessment will be available to Florida College System students. Another rule the Division is working on is death benefits to survivors of first responders and military members. Chancellor Hebda shared there is a rule workshop scheduled for May 6, 2020.

Chancellor Hebda stated that two new Baccalaureate Programs at Palm Beach State College were approved at the last State Board of Education Meeting. One is in Cardio-Pulmonary Sciences and the other is in Human Services.

Chancellor Hebda shared brief updates from Academic and Student Affairs. She also shared upcoming reporting deadlines. The list of deadlines will be sent to the Council in an email. Chancellor Hebda shared that the Division did an ad hoc recording this year of the actual location of where students were taking and receiving dual enrollment instruction. Data reports will be distributed to colleges once they have been prepared. Chancellor Hebda shared that the Division did receive some worksheets on the funding allocations from legislative staff, the Division is working with the staff to ensure understanding of the worksheets. The worksheets will be sent out soon.

Dr. Murdaugh asked Chancellor Hebda about other requests for orders that her office has submitted to the Governor. Chancellor Hebda shared that the requests that have been submitted are for relief and assistance to colleges and students during this coronavirus pandemic. The requests include a waiver of restrictions if funds have been taken out of operational dollars to safely place them into a capital fund, then from capital funds back into operational funds for recovery purposes. Another requests that colleges be waived of the requirement to submit the spending plan for the year, based on the funding balances if they are higher than five or seven percent. She stated that there are a few requests based on academic items mostly related to the suspension of the requirement to have placement testing done as PERT is not available for all colleges, this would count for both dual enrollment and developmental education purposes for the summer and fall terms. The Division will continue to work on requests as they receive them from colleges.

Chancellor Hebda stated that she would email the Council a document of her talking points from this meeting.

5.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education – Chancellor Henry Mack

Chancellor Mack shared an update for the Division of Career and Adult Education. He shared that on April 10, Governor Desantis reviewed and approved the Perkins V state plan and submitted an approval letter to Commissioner. In the letter the governor spoke to his vision of making Florida number one in the nation for Workforce by 2030.

Chancellor Mack shared an update on the CTE audit. He also shared that the Department is looking to expand apprenticeships. An email of Chancellor Mack’s talking points will be sent to the Council after the meeting.

6.0 COP Committee and Work Group Reports

6.1 Articulation Coordinating Committee

Dr. Massey reported that the Articulation Coordinating Committee recently discussed the dual enrollment students. The Committee will meet again in May.

6.2 Distance Learning Committee

Dr. Sidor reported that the Distance Learning Committee has not met, but plans to meet soon. Dr. Murdaugh asked Dr. Sidor to let him know what the Council could do to aid the Distance Learning Committee.

6.3 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

Dr. Holdnak reported that on April 27 the Consortium will be sending out the first of four “dones”, for building up a catastrophic reserve since it was not funded by the legislature. He shared that there is an effort underway to attempt to recover the Consortium’s deductible that was applied to the loss of several million dollars’ worth of deductible. The Consortium has been in sharing information with college Business Officers.

Dr. Holdnak referred to a question from a prior Council of Presidents meeting regarding the Florida College System Activities Association and a project they are working on gathering student data and the cybersecurity threat that may impose. Chaundy Fagler reported that the London underwriters have agreed to place the FCSAA under the cyber security protection of the Consortium.

6.4 Media and Public Relations Committee

Dr. Leitzel asked Logan Lewkow to provide an update. Mr. Lewkow reported that Moore has been highlighting each of the colleges throughout the month to recognize National Community College Month.

7.0 Florida College System Activities Association

Ms. Kelly Warren presented the approval item to the Council. The item was also available on the AFC website.

7.1 Approval, Men’s and Women’s Basketball Reconferencing and Tournament Qualifying proposal

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Dr. Angela Falconetti the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Reconferencing and Tournament Qualifying proposal was approved unanimously.*

7.2 Information, Division Information Items

Dr. Massey shared that due to spring sports being canceled due to COVID-19, NJCAA put out an amendment to what he referred to as the Scholarship Rule that states that if a second season student athlete was enrolled at an NJCAA member college for the spring of 2020, participating in a spring sport, and they had a letter of intent prior to March 10, 2020, the student may receive a scholarship at the same institution and participate at the same institution for the 2021 season. That scholarship would not be counted as excess in the number of scholarships allowed. He shared that this will go before the Council of Athletic Affairs E Board, the full board will not meet until May 18-19. He asked for an emergency decision to be made by the Council of Presidents, that the Council would endorse the mentioned ruling of the NJCAA. Dr. Massey called the motion and Dr. Leitzel seconded the motion. Dr. Holdnak expressed his concern about the amendment and stated that he could support the amendment based on what he knows about it. President Pickens stated that he had opposition due to not knowing about this amendment prior to the meeting. He would prefer that the college athletic directors discuss this matter and they bring the motion to the Council. Ms. Warren shared that the CAA E Board has discussed this through conference call. She highlighted the discussion. Dr. Massey asked if a special meeting could be called to further discuss this matter. Ms. Warren stated that a conference call could take place Monday, April 27 with the CAA, then the Executive Committee would be able to vote through email and back to the Council of Presidents by mid-week.

8.0 COP Support Councils Reports

8.1 Council of Instructional Affairs

Dr. Brian Dopson shared an update on the dual enrollment AA transfer issue. He thanked everyone who worked on that. He stated that the Council has been meeting regularly through conference call.

8.1.1 Learning Resources Standing Committee

Dr. Dopson referred to the Learning Resource Standing Committee Report which is available in the meeting packet on the AFC website. He stated that it was approved by the voting members of the CIA to bring to the Council of Presidents to determine the next step.

8.2 Council of Student Affairs

Dr. Sheri Roland reported that Student Affairs officers on campuses have been busy meeting through Zoom to discuss how to move and work through the COVID-19. The Council plans to meet virtually on June 10-11. The Council is also working on how to distribute the CARES Act money to the students.

8.3 Council of Business Affairs

Dr. Lynn Powers referred to the submitted Council report that can be found in the meeting packet on the AFC website. Dr. Powers shared that the Council is meeting weekly and discussing the CARES Act funding. After much discussion, the Council asked COBA to provide more information and guidance about the funding as soon as possible.

8.4 Florida Council for Resource Development

Dr. Jenifer Peterson referred to the submitted Council report that can be found in the meeting packet on the AFC website.

8.5 Council for Workforce Education

Dr. Mildred Coyne referred to the submitted Council report that can be found in

the meeting packet on the AFC website.

8.6 AFC Legislative Committee Update

Mr. Jack Capra reported that the Committee is waiting to release the final Legislative Summary.

9.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report

Mr. Michael Brawer reported that the Association has been hosting professional development webinars on Tuesdays and Thursdays in lieu of in person meetings and events being canceled for the time being. The webinars are available to members and nonmembers. Mr. Brawer shared that the Association has purchased a Zoom subscription and offered the usage to any college group who might have a need to use it.

Mr. White, AFC President, reported that the Association has been busy and active hosting the webinars that Mr. Brawer discussed. Mr. White stated that he was currently co-hosting the AFC Region I Spring Conference. Information on the webinar topics and registration will be sent out and is available on the AFC website.

10.0 Announcements/Other Business

President Parker asked the Council to continue conversations to get the message out to the legislature about the limitations on the money that the system will receive and that the system does not need to receive any deeper cuts.

11.0 ADJOURN

Dr. Murdaugh adjourned the April 24, 2020, Teleconference meeting of the Council of Presidents at 11:59 a.m.