

**The Florida College System
Council of Presidents
Friday, May 15, 2015
Conference Call**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Carol Probstfeld, Vice COP Chair, called the conference call of the Council of Presidents meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015.

The roll call sheet was misplaced. There was not a quorum.

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Legislative Summary

Dr. Carol Probstfeld referred to the handout entitled 2015 Regular Session: Legislation Passed 5/4/2015 (Attachment A.) Dr. Probstfeld reported Special Session has been called for June 1-20.

3.0 COP Steering Committee and Working Committee Vacancies

Dr. Carol Probstfeld referred to the handout entitled Council of Presidents Committee Opening and Other Positions Needed (Attachment B.) Dr. Probstfeld reported there are still positions open. She added Dr. Bioteau and Dr. Meadows will be co-chairing the Policy and Advocacy Committee.

4.0 2015 COP Annual Meeting Agenda Update

Michael Brawer reported the COP Annual meeting has been rescheduled for August 2-4 at the Sundial in Sanibel Island.

5.0 TurboVote Partnership

Dr. Dennis Gallon referred to the handout entitled Untitled (Attachment C.) He reported the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions has donated \$14,000 to underwrite the cost of establishing a partnership with each college. Also, TurboVote will underwrite the mailing costs. Dr. Gallon recommended moving forward with the implementation of TurboVote for 2015-16 with no cost to the colleges.

6.0 Other Business

Dr. Probstfeld reported the FCSAA has nominated Dr. Chuck Hall into the FCSAA Hall of Fame.

Mr. Michael Brawer reported the COP assessment cannot be completed at this time since the legislature does not have a state budget. He requested the presidents consider a continuation assessment at the current amount. Once the budget is complete, any necessary adjustments will be made.

On May 13th Education Commissioner Pam Stewart announced the appointment of Madeline Pumariega as the Florida College System Chancellor.

The Division is working on rule development for the expanded out-of-state fee waiver for veterans and eligible students pursuant to Senate Bill 7028 passed by the 2015 Legislature.

Collegiate high school program contracts should have been executed for the 2015-16 academic year. The Division is in the process of reviewing all contracts submitted.

The Division of Florida Colleges is hosting a series of webinars focused on developmental education acceleration models. The webinar series is supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

7.0 Adjourn