

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center
Tallahassee, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Jim Henningsen, P&A Chair, called the meeting of the Policy & Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center.

The following members of the Policy & Advocacy Committee were present:

Dr. Jim Henningsen	
Dr. Jim Richey	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Mr. David Armstrong	Dr. Dennis Gallon
Dr. Carol Eaton	Dr. Katherine Johnson
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra	Dr. Eileen Holden
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau	Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Jim Kerley	Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Chuck Hall	Mr. Joe Pickens
Dr. Chuck Mojock	Dr. Bill Law
Mr. John Grosskopf	Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Mr. Randy Hanna	Ms. Carrie Henderson
Dr. John Holdnak	Ms. Judy Green
Ms. Kasongo Butler	Ms. Linda Lewis
Mr. Rod Duckworth	Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Scott Kittel	Ms. Yvette Hargreaves

Mr. Michael Brawer	Mr. Steve Schroeder
Mr. Matthew Holliday	Ms. Ana Sanchez
Ms. Sharon Crow	Mr. Jack Hall
Ms. Susan Lehr	Mr. Ed Woodruff
Ms. Victoria Hernandez	Mr. Bill Mallowney
Mr. Jeff Schembera	Mr. Scott Balog
Ms. Sandy Cesaretti	
Mr. Don Payton	

Mr. Peter Usinger	Mr. Peter Elliott
Mr. Jeb Blackburn	Ms. Gina Doeble
Mr. Chauncey Fagler	Mr. Jacob Winge
Mr. Jonathan Rees	Dr. Debbie Douma
Dr. Joe Sarnovsky	Mr. EH Levering
Ms. Kathy Walker	Mr. Jason Hurst
Ms. Allyce Heflin	Ms. Stacey Webb
Ms. Heather Sherry	Mr. Jon Rees

Recorder: Tina Ingramm

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2014

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Carol Eaton and a second by Dr. Ed Massey the minutes of the January 10, 2014 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

2.0 Substantive Issues

Mr. David Armstrong reported Speaker of the House, Will Weatherford, has been open about supporting legislation regarding in-state tuition for children of illegal immigrants. Children of illegal immigrants that have grown up in Florida and graduated from a Florida high school, currently have to pay out-of-state tuition. He proposed the Committee support Speaker Weatherford's proposal.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. David Armstrong and a second by Dr. Jim Kerley, Speaker Weatherford's proposal regarding in-state tuition for children of illegal immigrants was approved without objection.*

Dr. Chuck Mojock requested the Committee support legislation about waiving student fees for veterans.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Chuck Mojock and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf, legislation regarding student fees being waived for veterans was approved without objection.*

Dr. Jim Henningsen referred to the handout entitled Council of President's Florida College System Performance Funding Model Framework (Attachment A.) He reported the model is simple, and similar to the Board of Governor's model. He reviewed the guiding principles and benchmarks. Ms. Gina Doeble explained how the points are calculated based on the seven benchmarks.

Mr. David Armstrong asked if this is the most recent data available. Dr. John Holdnak reported new data will be available in the summer.

Chancellor Hanna asked if ICUF school transfers could also be calculated. The Chancellor also asked for data regarding students that get employed outside of Florida. Dr. Holdnak stated he will attempt to get that data.

Dr. Henningsen reported the model will be presented to the House and Senate next week.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Ken Atwater and a second by Dr. Carol Eaton, the four guiding principles of the performance funding model were approved without objection.*

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Bill Law and a second by Dr. Carol Eaton, the seven measures of the performance funding model for the year 2014-2015 and for the presentation to the House and Senate were approved without objection.*

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Chuck Mojock and a second by Dr. Carol Eaton, the use of the performance and improvement scales of the performance funding model was approved without objection.*

Dr. Jim Murdaugh referred to the handout entitled The Florida College System and Career Technical Centers: Preparing and Advancing Florida's Skilled Workforce

(Attachment B.) Ms. Stacey Webb reviewed the key issues for consideration, including faculty credentials. Chancellor Rod Duckworth stated his office is busy working on their concerns with the bill so that it best benefits the student.

Dr. Henningsen stated the bill language will continue to be worked on.

Mr. Jon Rees reported Commissioner Putnam has a PECO proposal that he would like the Committee to support. The proposal reduces the tax burden on Florida businesses and redirects the remaining taxes paid to fund critical infrastructure needs in the state's education system.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Dennis Gallon and a second by Dr. Ken Atwater, the PECO proposal by Commissioner Putnam was approved without objection.*

Dr. Henningsen reported textbook affordability continues to be an issue. The proposed bill would increase the notification time to 14 days prior to student registration. This concern has been voiced. Dr. Murdaugh asked if CIA has a recommendation or feedback on the bill. Dr. Henningsen reported CIA is currently meeting. Ms. Gina Doeble stated COBA has a textbook affordability workgroup formed that can work with CIA.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Dennis Gallon and a second by Dr. Jim Murdaugh, the notion of textbook affordability while the language is being worked on was approved without objection.*

Ms. Stacey Webb reported a bill on collegiate high school programs has been filed. The bill requires colleges to establish collegiate high school programs as options for public high school students in grade 12. It would also require Florida College System institutions to execute a contract with each school district to establish collegiate high school programs in public schools. This would have funding consequences if a school does not establish a program.

Dr. Jim Henningsen adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 9:54 a.m. without objection.