

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Thursday, February 5, 2015
TCC Capitol Center
Tallahassee, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Jim Henningsen, Council of Presidents Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong
Dr. Jason Hurst
Dr. Jim Henningsen
Dr. Tom LoBasso
Dr. Jeff Allbritten
Dr. Chuck Hall
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra
Dr. John Holdnak
Dr. Ken Atwater
Dr. Ed Massey
Dr. Chuck Mojock

Mr. John Grosskopf
Dr. Ty Handy
Dr. Katherine Johnson
Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Mr. Joe Pickens
Dr. Bill Law
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Ms. Kathy Hebda
Ms. Kasongo Butler
Ms. Judy Green
Ms. Wendy Sikora
Mr. Rod Duckworth

Mr. Scott Parke
Mr. Scott Kittel
Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Daniel Blackman
Mr. Joe Follick

Mr. Michael Brawer
Ms. Nancy Morgan
Mr. Matthew Holliday
Mr. Eric Johnson
Mr. Andy Treadwell
Ms. Victoria Hernandez
Mr. Jorge Conforme
Ms. Erin McColskey

Mr. Steve Schroeder
Ms. Sandy Ceseretti Ray
Mr. Jack Hall
Mr. Ed Woodruff
Mr. Don Payton
Mr. Brian Thomas
Mr. Bill Mulleney

Dr. Dan Rodkin
Mr. Richard Becker
Dr. Gina Doeble
Mr. Saul Reyes
Ms. Nancy Botero
Mr. Chauncey Fagler
Ms. Petra Kohlman Sanchez

Ms. Kelly Warren
Ms. Tamara Sakagawa
Ms. Stacey Webb
Mr. E.H. Levering
Ms. Kaitlin McMurry
Dr. Linda Miedema

Recorder: Tina Ingramm

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2015

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Katherine Johnson and a second by Dr. Jim Murdaugh the minutes of the January 9, 2015 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

2.0 2015 Substantive Issues

Dr. Jim Henningsen reported there is a draft bill on textbook affordability and the presidents have been asked for their feedback from the Governor's office. Mr. Bill Mallowney reported that agreeing on the design principles would be most beneficial. The five drafted design principles are as follows:

- Ensure consistency between similar statutes
- Make is simple for students and their families to use the sales tax exemption
- Recognize current practice of instructional materials
- Move from current timeline for publishing course textbooks online from 30 days before the course begins to 14 days before the first day of registration
- Change the way board meetings are noticed

Dr. Jim Henningsen asked Mr. Mallowney to work with the lobbyists and support councils on this.

Mr. Matthew Holliday reported there are 688 bills filed. The lobbyists are watching the firearms on campus bill. Dr. Ken Atwater asked if the Policy and Advocacy Committee had a position on this bill and suggested partnering with law enforcement on the position of this bill. Mr. Steve Schroeder reported the Chief of Police Association opposes the bill and the Florida Sheriff's Association has not taken a position at this time. Dr. Jim Henningsen stated the law enforcement agencies can be contacted. Dr. John Holdnak recommended the Policy and Advocacy Committee to craft a position to oppose the bill.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf, the Policy and Advocacy Committee to craft a position to oppose the firearms on campus bill was approved by without objection.*

Dr. Jim Murdaugh suggested a friendly amendment to state the Policy and Advocacy Committee endorses the position taken by the professional law enforcement agencies.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Jim Murdaugh and a second by Dr. Ken Atwater, the friendly amendment to state the Policy and Advocacy Committee to endorse the position taken by the professional law enforcement agencies was approved by without objection.*

There is a pair of fee exemption bills. One bill is regarding students that have been adopted from the Department of Children and Families and the other addresses veterans.

The Department of Children and Families bill will expand the exemptions and to increase the time frame to claim these exemptions until the student is 28 years old. The exemptions will allow the student to have unlimited attempts at remedial course work. Dr. Jonathan Gueverra asked how these students will be identified. Ms. Kasongo Butler stated clarification is still needed.

The veterans fee exemption bill states if in-state tuition rates are not given to the veteran or their qualified dependent, the college will be unenrolled from the GI Bill.

Dr. Chuck Mojock asked if the PECO voluntary contributions bill is being tracked by the

lobbyists. Mr. Holliday stated it is being watched.

Mr. Joe Pickens reported there is a friendly bill that adds two trustees to St. Johns River State College to ensure all counties in the college's service area are represented. There will be no change in the statute.

Dr. Jim Henningsen referred to the handouts entitled Untitled (Attachment A) and % of Model Funded Including Total Rev-Updated with 2014-15 Appropriations (Attachment B.) He reported legislators are interested in how the colleges would want compression money distributed, if money is available. After a discussion, Dr. Henningsen recommended the distribution index be used.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Ty Handy and a second by Dr. Ed Meadows, the distribution index to be used, if compression money is available, was approved with two objections.*

Dr. Ann McGee asked for a run using the \$35 million request.

Dr. Ed Massey reminded the presidents to keep the line of communication open.

Dr. Jim Henningsen adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 9:26 a.m. without objection.