

**The Florida College System  
Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Wednesday, November 2, 2016  
Buena Vista Palace  
Lake Buena Vista, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Tom LoBasso, Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Buena Vista Palace in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong  
Dr. Jim Henningsen  
Dr. Tom LoBasso  
Dr. Jeff Allbritten  
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra  
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau  
Dr. John Holdnak  
Dr. Ken Atwater  
Dr. Ed Massey  
Dr. Stanley Sidor

Mr. John Grosskopf  
Ms. Ava Parker  
Dr. Tim Beard  
Dr. Ed Meadows  
Dr. Eileen Holden  
Dr. Ann McGee  
Dr. Thomas Leitzel  
Dr. Carol Probstfeld  
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariega  
Dr. Chris Mullin  
Ms. Wendy Sikora

Ms. Judy Green  
Dr. Karinda Barrett

Mr. Michael Brawer  
Mr. Greg Haile  
Mr. Robert Batsel  
Mr. Matthew Holliday  
Mr. Eric Johnson  
Mr. Andy Treadwell  
Ms. Victoria Hernandez

Mr. David Marin  
Ms. Rachael Ondrus  
Mr. Steve Schroeder  
Mr. Jack Hall  
Mr. Liam McClay  
Mr. Scott Balog

Ms. Juanita Scott  
Ms. Karen Moore  
Mr. Patrick Rinard  
Ms. Kelly Warren  
Mr. Chauncey Fagler  
Dr. Judy Bilsky  
Mr. Chris Hansen  
Mr. Peter Elliott  
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe  
Dr. Carrie Henderson  
Mr. Craig Johnson  
Ms. Abby Whiddon

Mr. Don Payton  
Mr. E.H. Levering  
Mr. Andrew Barnes  
Mr. George Sanders  
Ms. Cindy Hewitt  
Mr. Ken Ross  
Dr. Robert Flores  
Dr. Robert Van Der Velde  
Dr. Lenore Rodicio  
Mr. Jack Parker  
Mr. Mike Matulia

## **1.0 Approval of Minutes**

### **1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2016**

*Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Eileen Holden and a second by Mr. John Grosskopf, the minutes of the September 30, 2016 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

## **2.0 Approval, 2017 Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Tom LoBasso referred to the handout entitled The Florida College System Council of Presidents. He reported the 2017 total legislative budget request is \$100 million. The legislative budget request has \$40 million in performance funding and \$60 million that will go through the funding formula.

Dr. LoBasso added the request supports the Department of Education's PECO request of \$100 million.

*Action: Upon a motion by Dr. Tim Beard and a second by Dr. Tom Leitzel, the 2017 legislative priorities were approved without objection.*

Ms. Ava Parker asked how the Council of Presidents legislative budget request aligns with the Chancellor's budget request.

Chancellor Pumariega reported the unfunded waivers issue could be problematic. She encouraged the presidents to develop a strategy when discussing the issue with delegation. Dr. LoBasso stated the presidents will use the Chancellor's advice to craft their message.

Ms. Parker also asked if the colleges will be able to request funding for special projects. Dr. LoBasso stated the colleges can still ask for special projects to be funded. The request addresses those issues of interest to the Governor.

Mr. Chris Hansen reported Senator Jack Latvala will be the Senate Appropriations Chair. Senator Joe Negron will be the Senate President.

Dr. Ken Atwater asked if the presidents should expect \$1 billion budget cut. Mr. Hansen stated that it could be more than \$1 billion cut from the budget.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported the lobbyists are working with Moore Communication Group on the legislative message.

Dr. Tom LoBasso adjourned the Policy and Advocacy meeting at 9:00 a.m. without objection.