

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Friday, February 19, 2016
TCC Capitol Center
Tallahassee, Florida**

MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Ed Meadows, Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong
Dr. Ed Meadows
Dr. Jason Hurst
Dr. Jim Henningsen
Dr. Tom LoBasso
Dr. Jim Richey
Dr. Jeff Allbritten
Dr. Lawrence Barrett
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau
Dr. John Holdnak

Dr. Ed Massey
Dr. Stanley Sidor
Mr. John Grosskopf
Dr. Sasha Jarrell
Ms. Ava Parker
Dr. Eileen Holden
Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Ann McGee
Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. Carol Probstfeld

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariaga
Dr. Chris Mullin
Ms. Lisa Cook
Ms. Judy Green
Ms. Wendy Sikora
Ms. Shelly Ford
Mr. Alex Anderson
Mr. Corey Jones

Mr. Andy Barnes
Ms. Yvette Hargreaves
Mr. Juan Mestre
Ms. Cora Merritt
Ms. Lynda Earls
Dr. Kathyrine Scheuch
Dr. Karinda Barrett
Mr. Eric Godin

Mr. Michael Brawer
Mr. Greg Haile
Mr. Brian Babb
Mr. Matthew Holliday
Mr. Eric Johnson
Mr. Andy Treadwell
Ms. Victoria Hernandez

Ms. Erin McColskey
Mr. Steve Schroeder
Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray
Mr. Jack Hall
Mr. Liam McClay
Mr. Brian Thomas

Ms. Juanita Scott
Ms. Marsha Kiner
Mr. Anthony Iacono
Ms. Gean Ann Emond
Dr. Naima Brown
Mr. Chauncey Fagler
Ms. Kelly Warren
Ms. Petra Kohlmann Sanchez
Dr. Judy Bilsky

Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe
Dr. Kathleen Plinske
Dr. Robert Jones
Mr. Chris Hansen
Mr. Don Payton
Dr. Nancy McKee
Mr. David Bannister
Ms. Kasongo Butler
Mr. E.H. Levering

Recorder: Tina Ingramm-Ward

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2016

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. John Holdnak and a second by Dr. Ed Massey, the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

2.0 2016 Legislative Session

Dr. Ed Meadows reported he gave a presentation on the Florida College System to the State Board of Education. At the end of the presentation, Dr. Meadows stated he was asked if the Council of President responded to the Governor's letter dated November 3rd. Dr. Meadows has asked COBA to look at the how the operational management suggestions discussed in the Governor's letter fit into the funding formula.

Dr. Ed Meadows reported he, along with the lobbyists, have been visiting with House and Senate staff regarding the revised funding formula. It has been re-emphasized with legislative leadership that the Florida College System's first priority is recurring workforce funding.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported the lobbyists are tracking the budget process. The budget conference is expected to begin soon.

Mr. Michael Brawer reported the guns on campus legislation is dead this session. It is expected to return next session. The legislative budget request for campus safety is still being requested this session.

Dr. Meadows reported COBA has been asked to look at the additional recommendations regarding the funding formula in the next six months. COBA has formed eight committees to look at the various pieces of the funding formula, with a Division member on each committee.

Dr. Ed Massey reported the Steering Committee has voted to bring forward a recommendation to form the Distance Learning Committee. He added Dr. Sidor and possibly Dr. Gueverra will be on the Committee. This Committee will be in liaison with CIA.

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Ed Massey and a second by Dr. Jim Henningsen, the formation of the Distance Learning Committee was approved without objection.*

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 8:49 a.m. without objection.