

**The Florida College System
Policy & Advocacy Committee
Friday, March 11, 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 8:31 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2016 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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

Dr. Ed Meadows	Mr. John Grosskopf
Mr. David Armstrong	Dr. Sasha Jarrell
Dr. Jason Hurst	Ms. Ava Parker
Dr. Jim Henningsen	Dr. Tim Beard
Dr. Tom LoBasso	Dr. Jackson Sasser
Dr. Jonathon Gueverra	Dr. Thomas Leitzel
Dr. John Holdnak	Dr. Carol Probstfeld
Dr. Ed Massey	Dr. Bill Law
Dr. Stanley Sidor	

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariega	Mr. Andy Barnes
Dr. Chris Mullin	Ms. Linda Lewis
Ms. Lisa Cook	Ms. Suzanne Tart
Ms. Judy Green	Mr. Scott Kittel
Mr. Rod Duckworth	Dr. Karinda Barrett
Ms. Wendy Sikora	Mr. Eric Godin
Mr. Alex Anderson	Ms. Cora Merritt
Mr. Corey Jones	Ms. Carrie Henderson
Ms. Pam Posey	

Mr. Michael Brawer	Mr. Andy Treadwell
Mr. Greg Haile	Ms. Victoria Hernandez
Mr. Robert Batsel	Mr. David Marin
Mr. Brian Babb	Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray
Mr. Eric Johnson	Mr. Jack Hall

Ms. Juanita Scott	Ms. Kelly Warren
Ms. Marsha Kiner	Dr. Judy Bilsky
Mr. Anthony Iacono	Mr. Don Payton
Ms. Gean Ann Emond	Mr. Peter Elliott
Dr. Naima Brown	
Ms. Daria Leon	

Recorder: Tina Ingramm

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2016

Action: *Upon a motion by Dr. Ed Massey and a second by Dr. Tom Leitzel, the minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting of Policy & Advocacy Committee were approved without objection.*

2.0 2016 Legislative Session

Dr. Ed Meadows congratulated Mr. Michael Brawer for his recent recognition for his work on campus safety.

Dr. Ed Meadows referred to the handouts entitled Conference Report on House Bill 5001 and 2016-17 Implementing Bill.

Chancellor Pumariega referred to the handout entitled The Florida College System-Summary Budget Side-by-Side and 5 Year FCS Program Fund Summary. She reported there is \$15.4 in recurring special projects and \$8.5 million in non-recurring special projects. She added there is \$10 million in industry certification.

She reported the Governor has 14 days to sign the budget.

She reported HB 7029 is a train bill that includes performance based language.

Dr. Ed Meadows expressed the importance of readiness for the 2017 legislative session. The legislative agenda and legislative budget request will be discussed at the June meeting.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez reported the textbook access affordability is on the way to the Governor to be signed. She added a complete list of bills that passed will be emailed to the presidents.

Ms. Victoria Hernandez thanked the lobbyists, Ballard Partners, Division staff and Dr. Judy Bilsky for their hard work during session.

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting at approximately 8:57 a.m. without objection.