

**The Florida College System  
Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Friday, March 10, 2017  
TCC Capitol Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Ed Meadows called the meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee to order at approximately 8:37 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017 at TCC Capitol Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

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

Mr. David Armstrong  
Dr. Sarah Clemmons  
Dr. Tom LoBasso  
Dr. Lawrence Barrett  
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra  
Dr. John Holdnak  
Dr. Ed Massey

Dr. Stan Sidor  
Dr. Devin Stephenson  
Dr. Tim Beard  
Dr. Ed Meadows  
Dr. Jackson Sasser  
Dr. Thomas Leitzel  
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

Also present were:

Ms. Madeline Pumariega  
Dr. Chris Mullin  
Dr. Karinda Barrett  
Mr. Rod Duckworth

Mr. Alex Anderson  
Mr. Kenny Bell  
Ms. Judy Green  
Ms. Suzanne Pridgeon

Mr. Michael Brawer  
Mr. Brian Babb  
Mr. Eric Johnson  
Mr. Andy Treadwell  
Ms. Victoria Hernandez  
Ms. Rachael Ondrus

Mr. Steve Schroeder  
Ms. Sandra Cesaretti Ray  
Mr. Ed Woodruff  
Mr. Brian Thomas  
Mr. Scott Balog

Dr. Robert Flores  
Ms. Allyce Heflin  
Ms. Abby Whiddon  
Mr. Don Payton  
Dr. John Gyllin  
Mr. Patrick Rinard  
Mr. Andy Barnes  
Dr. John Wall  
Ms. Marsha Kiner

Ms. Nanette Schimpf  
Mr. Lloyd Dunkelberger  
Dr. Judith Bilsky  
Mr. Peter Elliott  
Dr. Lenore Rodicio  
Ms. Sheryl Vittitoe  
Mr. Chris Hansen  
Ms. Karen Moore

Recorder: Tina Ingramm

**1.0 Approval, Policy & Advocacy Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2017**

**2.0 Update, 2017 Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Ed Meadows reported the Senate released their budget. The Senate's budget reduces higher education overall by approximately \$131 million. The Florida College System is facing a reduction by \$55 million to developmental education, \$30 million in suspension of state incentive for performance funding, and \$10 million in CAPE performance funds. In all, the FCS bears almost 75% of all higher education cuts in the Senate proposals.

Ms. Sandy Cesaretti Ray reported six colleges are impacted by the Senate's budget reduction to workforce programs.

Mr. Chris Hansen reported Senator Negron has asked for input on SB 374. A two-page opinion with proposed changes has been submitted to Senator Negron.

Mr. Michael Brawer reported several gun related bills have been heard. SB 128, known as the "Stand Your Ground" bill, will shift a key burden of proof in "stand your ground", self-defense cases from defendants to prosecutors in the pre-trial hearings. The bill passed the Senate. The House version of the bill awaits its stop in the House Judiciary Committee. SB 622 does not look like it will move forward.

Dr. Ed Meadows adjourned the Policy and Advocacy meeting at 8:53 a.m. without objection.