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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Governor Norman Tripp, Chair, convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 12:30 p.m. Committee members present were Richard Beard, Matthew Carter, Manoj Chopra, Carlo Fassi, Patricia Frost, and Pamela Stewart. Other members present were Dean Colson, Daniel Doyle, Mori Hosseini, H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr., Thomas Kuntz, Alan Levine, and Edward Morton.

FIU was recognized for improving their 6 year graduation rate by 9% and being awarded Most Visible Progress by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

2. Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer's Report

Vice Chancellor Ignash provided an update on the activities of the Board's Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The office has recently devoted the majority of its time in responding to data requests and bill analyses as a result of the legislative session. ,

The CAVP Academic Coordination Project work group met February 7th in Orlando and three Board of Governors staff members were in attendance. The next CAVP Academic Coordination Project work group meeting is on March 28th.

Concern expressed by the University of West Florida regarding the Pensacola State College's letter of intent to start a bachelor's degree program in cyber security was resolved through conversations between the two institutions, with facilitation by staff.

A scope of work has been drafted by the information technology staff at the Board of Governors office to develop an early information system between the Florida College System and the Board of Governors for new degree programs under consideration. This system will allow communication through notifications between the Florida College System and the Board of Governors prior to the 90 day letter of intent period established in statutes.

A meeting was scheduled with the Vice Presidents for Research on Wednesday, April 16th, at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The purpose is to follow up on ideas from the Department of Defense Agency workshop mentioned at a previous meeting.

Staff has worked with the State Board of Education on Florida's "Take Stock in Children" program. The program facilitates access to the state university system for qualified "Take Stock in Children" high school graduates. Staff is also working on Cross-Sector planning group for upcoming State Board of Education workshop on Teacher Preparation.

Vice Chancellor Ignash informed the Committee about recent staff changes. Dr. Alma Littles was retained as the new special consultant for Health Initiatives Committee and Amy Beaven has been hired as the new director for STEM Health Initiatives. One research employee has resigned and the office has begun accepting applications for a replacement.

3. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Governor Carter moved that the Committee approve the meeting minutes for November 20th, 2013 as presented. Governor Chopra seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

4. State University System Research: ExpertNet

Amy Finley, Associate Director of Florida ExpertNet, provide a presentation on ExpertNet.org. ExpertNet is a premier portal to expertise across Florida's universities, and a gateway to intellectual capital within the university system. Ten public and two private universities currently participate in ExpertNet. Florida Polytechnic University has expressed interest in joining as soon as it opens. ExpertNet includes Florida TalentNet, which is a statewide catalog of postsecondary instructional programs. Florida ExpertNet is also launching the Innovation Exchange which has been funded by the Economic Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

5. Targeted Educational Attainment Grant Program Recommendations for Awards

Dr. Chris Mullin, Associate Vice Chancellor, provided the Access and Attainment Commission's recommendations for the Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) Grant Program awards. Applications for the TEAm Grant Program became available after the November 2013 board meeting and were due Monday, February 23rd, 2014. Twelve applications were received from 11 state universities that included partnerships with 4 independent colleges and universities and 10 state colleges. The applications were scored on the following criteria:

- Criteria 1: Projected number of new graduates who will earn degrees in the targeted programs.
- Criteria 2: Increasing the probability that graduates who have earned degrees in the targeted programs will start jobs in Florida.
- Criteria 3: Evidence that the proposal can be faithfully implemented with quality by the state university or consortium of institutions that include a state university.

The proposal review committee recommended four applications for funding to the Access and Attainment Commission on March 3rd, 2014. They were subsequently approved and forwarded to the Board of Governors for consideration.

Four applications were considered by the Board of Governors for approval.

- Application 1: CSIT, from the Florida International University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida. An Urban University Coalition Response to Florida's Computer and Information Technology Workforce Needs.
- Application 2: From the Florida International University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida. An Innovative, Collaborative Approach to Increase the Supply of Quality Accounting Graduates in Florida.
- Application 3: The FITC Alliance, from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Expanding North Florida's IT Career Pathways.
- Application 4: Capture Project, from the Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach State College and Broward College. Focused on Paving Down the Gap in Computer and Information Technology.

Another category of the TEAm grants was Middle School Teacher Retention. Three applications were received for this category, all of which were not rated because of errors in their preparation.

Governor Fassi moved that the committee approve recommendations of the Commission on Florida Higher Education Access and Degree Attainment for TEAm grants. Governor Chopra seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

6. Public Notice of Intent to Establish Board of Governors Regulation 8.005, General Education Core Course Options

Vice Chancellor Ignash provided an overview of the proposed Board of Governors Regulation 8.005. This regulation enacts 2013 legislation that establishes a common core for the General Education curriculum. Half of the curriculum is to be prescribed and students must pick from a limited number of course options in each of 5 major discipline areas:

- Communications;
- Humanities;
- Math;
- Natural Sciences;
- Social Sciences.

The goal is to make sure students graduate with some common understanding as part of their general education. It was noted that the general education core outlined in the proposed regulation had been developed by faculty discipline committees made up of state university and Florida college faculty. Universities will still be free to fill out the second half of the 36 credits in general education with their own courses.

Governor Carter moved that the committee approve the public notice of intent to adopt Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options. Governor Frost seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

7. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

a. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Dr. Ronald Toll provided an update on activities of SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents and the Academic Program Coordination Workgroup. The Academic Program Coordination Workgroup goals are to:

- Review degrees that are in place;
- Review degree proposals for new degree programs from baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree levels;
- Review the need for regional distributions of programs.

Dr. Toll noted that Provost Tony Waldrop, Chair of the Academic Program Coordination Workgroup would be leaving to assume the presidency at an out-of-state institution, and that he would be replaced by another provost.

Dr. Ronald Toll also noted that he will begin to serve on the Advisory group for the Innovation and Online Learning committee.

b. Florida Student Association

Governor Fassi provided an update on Florida Student Association (FSA) activity. The FSA event “Rally in Tally” was scheduled to take place in Tallahassee on March 25th, on the 4th floor of the capitol building.

FSA legislative bills of interest included:

- Florida GI bill has been passed by the house and senate. Grants in-state tuition and scholarships to honorably discharged veterans;
- House bill 851;
- Senate bill 1400.

The FSA was also working with Representative Flores and focusing on her bill on textbook affordability.

8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment, Governor Tripp

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Richard P. Stevens,
Director, Academic and Student Affairs

Norman Tripp, Chair