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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Tripp convened the meeting on November 3, 2016 at 8:52 a.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Link, Hebert (arrived 9:28 am), Stewart, Tyson, and Valverde. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Governor Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2016, committee meeting. Governor Link moved to approve the minutes, Governor Valverde seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

3. Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer's Report

Dr. Jan Ignash reported on the following activities of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) unit:

- Associate Vice Chancellor England, Assistant Vice Chancellor Logan, and Vice Chancellor Ignash attended a 2-day R&D workshop in Washington, D.C. to discuss priorities for federal funding opportunities.
- ASA staff began work on the accountability report.
- ASA staff have been working with the Auditor General on the Board office audit.
- ASA staff provided data and responses to questions on anti-hazing, student codes of conduct, and sponsored research.
- An ASA staff member, Cathy Oakley, attended NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education conference and the anti-hazing preconference at the Florida International University.
- ASA staff have been working with budget and finance staff on the changes to Performance Based Funding, particularly Metric 3.

- ASA staff reviewed and provided feedback to the New College administration regarding their plan to increase enrollment to 1,200 students and the resources needed.
- ASA staff members, Richard Stevens and Lynn Hunt Long, completed the textbook and instructional materials affordability study.
- Board staff provided information to the Chancellor and several Board members relating to the Florida Gulf Coast University strategic plan.
- Board staff participated in a teleconference with the Vice Presidents of Research from the 12 universities to discuss priorities in the research LBR and work on defining variables for the research dashboard.
- ASA staff members, Diana Barbu and Emily Sikes, attended the Cybersecurity Conference in Tampa. Jan introduced Emily and explained her role as well as her contributions to the Board office in terms of research and outreach.
- Board staff have been working with communications and trustee relations staff to prepare materials for the 2+2 and research sessions for the Trustee Summit.
- Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Tim Jones, and Vice Chancellor Ignash met with Senate staff to discuss LBR requests.

4. Mental Health Update

Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Ehasz provided the Board with an update of the student mental health concerns that her institution has been addressing since the 2016 fall semester and the funding sources that are supporting the additional counseling staff.

Governor Tyson asked if the counseling needs of online students differ from on-campus student needs and questioned the outreach efforts to online students. Dr. Ehasz commented that the needs do differ and stated that the inability to follow-up with online students is an issue. Dr. Ehasz stated that online students are referred to resources in their community.

Governor Morton commented that mental health deserves the dignity afforded to all health.

Chair Tripp pointed out that each Board member had been provided with a notecard containing the key talking points around this issue. The notecards highlight three main points: 1) more students are coming to the SUS institutions already diagnosed and on medication, 2) students are coming with more serious mental health issues; and 3) years of under-funding student affairs to protect academic programs has prevented student counseling centers from increasing staffing levels to keep pace with the increase in student demand.

Chair Kuntz charged the Chancellor to develop a strategy for providing a coordinated approach to support the State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request.

5. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Dr. Ralph Wilcox reported on the following CAVP activities:

- The CAVP have been examining enhancing access, affordability, completion, and quality in higher education.
- Dr. Wilcox pointed to the growing trend of out-of-state public universities encroaching into the SUS market. This is a matter of concern for the following reasons:
 - Lack of quality control and consumer protection for these institutions;
 - Competition with Florida's public universities for clinical and residency placements in the healthcare professions, by buying up clinical slots;
 - Utilization of state taxpayer resources through the use of Bright Futures;
 - Impacting the state and its public universities' strategic priorities
- The CAVP requested that the Board of Governors work with the Council for Independent Education and the Florida Board of Education through the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC) to better understand the process followed in approving out-of-state public universities coming into Florida.

In response to these issues the Chancellor noted that he will work with the CIE to identify issues that can be addressed at the HECC meeting.

B. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Dr. Corey King, Chair of the CSA, reported on:

- The Anti-Hazing Summit was hosted by the Florida International University on October 13, 2016. There were over 30 attendees and all institutions participated.
- The need to make the summit a yearly event, but moving it from fall to spring to allow for program development during the summer. The University of Central Florida offered to host the summit for the next three years.
- The online anti-hazing education course was implemented three years ago and 36,126 students have participated in the course. Students learn about the course through orientation, student organizations, athletics, and sorority and fraternity rush activities. The course takes 30-45 minutes to complete. Post survey results show that 86% of students reported having greater knowledge about hazing and how to address it. The course is offered through AliveTek and renewal of the contract will be due in April.

C. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Governor Jacob Hebert, Chair of the FSA, reported on the following activities:

- The FSA has formally chosen to support the Bright Futures, mental health, and campus safety LBRs.
- The FSA is gathering data regarding excess credit hours and planning to request an exemption for students who graduate in four years.
- The FSA is preparing a plan for the impact of CITF bonding on campuses and retention.
- There is no policy that provides easy access to information regarding in-state tuition for undocumented students . The FSA is workshopping this topic.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Governor Levine requested that the concern previously raised about civics education be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Norman D. Tripp, Chairman

Richard P. Stevens,
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs