

MINUTES
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Tripp convened the meeting on January 25, 2017, at 2:32 pm with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Link, Beard, Frost, Hebert, Kitson, Morton, Tyson, and Valverde. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Governor Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2016, committee meeting. Governor Tyson moved to approve the minutes, Governor Link 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:

- The entire ASA unit has have been reviewing bills, submitting bill analyses, and responding to questions and data requests.
- Staff are working on the accountability report and will present it at the March Board meeting.
- Richard Stevens and Lynn Long in the ASA unit held a conference call with the Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Workgroup. The workgroup discussed and made recommendations for a system-wide methodology to determine wide cost variance for general education courses and setting high enrollment thresholds.
- ASA staff are reviewing academic program pre-proposals that will be discussed at the February 10th meeting of the Academic Coordination Workgroup.

- A small workgroup comprised of Vice Presidents of Research and General Counsels will meet on February 13th. The group will examine audit finding regarding sponsored research. The audit finding noted that the Board needed to provide more guidelines for university sponsored research.
- Vice Chancellor Ignash met with Adrienne Johnston, Bureau Chief for Labor Market Statistics at the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). They discussed ways to increase collaboration between the Board and DEO. Currently, the Board office is conducting a gap analysis in the STEM area and collaboration with DEO can help inform the work.
- Emily Sikes in the ASA unit has been working to set up a process to facilitate the exchange of information between the Board and businesses looking for talent. Information such as the number of recent graduates with work experience, new programs being implemented, and an estimate of the number of graduates that programs may be producing will be made available to businesses.
- Emily Sikes has been working with UCF and our representative in D.C., Brent Jaquet, to help coordinate an SBIR event with NASA this summer in Orlando.
- ASA staff have been working with Enterprise Florida to distribute SUS materials to businesses.
- ASA staff participated in three conference calls with the Physician Advisory Council regarding the graduate medical education LBR.
- ASA staff met provided feedback on the Florida Chamber 2030 report.

4. The Impact of Counseling Services on the Academic Success of Students

Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Christy England, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Research and Policy at the Board of Governors. Dr. England provided the Board with a presentation on the services offered by the SUS counseling centers. Data provided by the state universities show that students who take advantage of the services offered benefit from improved mental and behavioral health and they are more likely to do well academically and graduate. She also noted two system-wide efforts. One is a mutual aid agreement that allows SUS institutions to provide assistance and counseling services to each other in instances of significant campus emergency. Another system wide initiative that includes private institutions deals with suicide awareness and prevention programs.

The Committee discussed the critical need to meet student demand and how SUS counseling center staffing levels compare nationally. Dr. England commented that the challenge lies with the increases in the number of students demanding services and the campuses' inability to meet these needs in a timely fashion is being challenged. Dr. Corey King, chair of the Council for Student Affairs, noted that the universities also

have trouble hiring full-time therapists because they can't commit to longer term contracts due to lack of permanent funding. Dr. Ignash noted that data on counselor to student ratios shows that most of university counselors are serving more than the recommended maximum and that information about the ratios was provided in Form 1 of the LBR presented to Committee in September 2016.

Board Chair Kuntz commented that the presentation on mental health counseling showed positive progress and results and suggested that this presentation also include the data presented at the previous meetings that identified counseling as a critical need.

5. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Dr. Garry Perry, Chair of the CAVP, reported on the following CAVP activities:

- The Online Education Steering Committee members listened to a presentation from the Implementation Committee for the Online Strategic Plan. The recommendations will be discussed with the CAVP and the final recommendations will be provided to the Innovation and Online Committee at the March Board of Governors' meeting.
- The CAVP will discuss the Chancellor's request for universities to consider matching the contribution of the legislative request to build out the Florida Academic Repository.
- The CAVP has been reviewing academic programs and streamlining processes by facilitating access to pre-proposals and other information.
- The group will also discuss CAEP accreditation for the colleges of education.
- The CAVP discussed the issue of civics education. The group concluded that each state university has put in place programs and continues to build on civics instruction required by the k-12 standards. Institutions provide civics education through courses that satisfy general education requirements and extracurricular activities. Provost Perry noted that this topic will receive additional attention and that a sub-group of the CAVP will work to determine what other improvements can be made to build upon the K-12 standard.

Governor Levine voiced concerns in regards to the fact that there is no knowledge of what students know when they enter the university. He then asked what universities are doing to test for proficiency in civics since higher education institutions have no requirements for civics education courses. Dr. Perry stated the assessment data for particular programs can be reviewed and reported on; however, courses in which civics is covered are not necessarily required courses for all students.

Governor Levine commented that the national data is compelling regarding the lack of civic knowledge, and that he has not seen any Florida data to contradict the national data. Governor Levine stated he would like to know if students graduating from our universities are proficient in U.S. government, our economy, and civic engagement. Dr. Perry stated that the CAVP members can go back to our universities and look at program assessment data, and return with numbers to see how effective our programs are in testing that knowledge. Governor Levine suggested that universities collaborate and survey our recent graduates using the same rules and questions as national measurements for baseline data.

B. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

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

- The software contract for the anti-hazing program will be ending in June. The CSA group is working on reviewing a proposal to expand the contract for 3 more years.
- The Anti-Hazing Summit is scheduled for May 19 at UCF.
- The annual joint summit for the Vice Presidents and Associate/Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs will be in June at USF. (This is the second year in which the AVPs have participated in the annual meeting.)

C. Florida Student Association (FSA)

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

- The annual Rally in Tally is scheduled for March 22.
- The FSA is reviewing 4-year graduation rates relative to the excess credit hour surcharge. During the 2014-15 academic year, 1,916 (4%) students graduated within 4-years and had to pay excess hour surcharges. The FSA is working with legislators to align student and legislative priorities.

Governor Morton noted that some students with 120 credit hours could not graduate because they did not take any summer courses due to BOG policies. He suggested that the policy be jettisoned. Chair Tripp commented that this policy existed for broader reasons.

Chair Kuntz recommended that Governor Hebert discuss the block tuition proposal with students across the SUS to gain their perspective on this issue and share it with the Board.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Norman D. Tripp, Chairman

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