



Item: CG: A-M

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 15, 2015

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Initiate roll call to document member participation and ensure quorum.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Robert Stilley, Chair _____

Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Vice Chair _____

Mr. Anthony Barbar (ex-officio) _____

Mr. Daniel Cane (ex-officio) _____

Dr. Michael Dennis _____

Ms. Kathryn Edmunds _____

Mr. Abdol Moabery _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Dr. Christopher Beetle _____

Dr. Jeffrey Feingold _____

Mr. Robert Rubin _____

Mr. Paul Tanner _____

Dr. Julius Teske _____

Mr. Thomas Workman _____



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Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015

SP: A-M Roll Call:

Trustee Robert Stilley, Committee Chair called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. In addition to Trustee Stilley, the following committee members were present: Trustee Mary Beth McDonald; Trustee Anthony Barbar (ex-officio); Trustee Daniel Cane (ex-officio); Trustee Kathryn Edmunds and Trustee Michael Dennis.

Other Trustees attending the meeting included: Trustee Paul Tanner and Trustee Christopher Beetle.

A quorum was present and the committee was called to order.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Ms. Stacy Volnick, Vice President, Administrative Affairs & Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Mr. David Kian, Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Mr. Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations.

Trustee Stilley called for approval of the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve meeting minutes without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stilley invited VP Volnick to approach the podium to give the legislative update.

CG: I-1 Legislative Update:

VP Volnick thanked The Board for their time. Ryan Britton is on the phone; as you know he is currently in Tallahassee working hard for us but will provide us with an update and answer any questions you might have. Andrew also has the Government Affairs Annual Report that he will pass out to you which gives an update of their activities over this past year.

VP Volnick invited Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations to begin with the update via telephone.

Andrew is passing out the 2015 Legislative Session Final Report which will provide you all with a comprehensive overview of the 2015 session and all that happened both in the regular session relating to higher education and then in the special session relating to the budget. The 2015 session is actually not completely over yet; we are in the middle of a redistricting special session where they are discussing the redistricting of Senate districts in the state of Florida and that will be ongoing over the next three weeks. But in addition to the 2015 session and special sessions continuing on, the 2016 session cycle is moving forward. We are currently in the interim committee week period which is why I'm up in Tallahassee at the moment. Committees are beginning to meet and tackle the different priorities that the legislature and governors' office are putting forward as 2016 action items.

To give you an overview of some of those priorities; it looks like there's going to be a surplus in the budget this year. They're estimating around \$600+ million dollars however that surplus is largely non-recurring funding and again just as last year when you look at the different priorities that are being put forward by the legislature and the governor they are a lot of competing interest for that money. Low Income Pool Health Funding that caused quite a bit of commotion last year during the session will again be reduced by \$400 million more this year. The Governor has put forward a proposal to ask for \$700 million in tax cuts largely based around the manufacturing sector as well as increases in economic incentive funding. When you put all of those sectors together there are again a lot of competing interests for that budget surplus.

There are still a number of things policy wise moving forward particularly related to higher education. One of the initiatives I think this year that will draw a lot of attention is trying to put performance funding into statute. Up until this point the performance funding recommendations have been dealt with in the budget on a year over year basis. However they would like to codify these and put them into statute. That doesn't mean it can't be changed, amended or adjusted but it will make it more difficult, and I think there will be a push to incorporate performance funding into the long term plan of the state and how it finances higher education.

A couple of other issues that will draw a larger bit of attention is the concealed carry weapons on campus. The campus carry issue came up this morning before the Senate Higher Education Committee and the measure was passed along a party line vote and it will move on to its next committee stop. Public Private Partnerships is also being heard today and creating a framework for public private partnerships in the state, not just for higher education, but for all public entities will continue to move through the process.

Last but not least, I want to focus on one thing that was heard just this morning. The House Health Quality Sub-Committee took up our Medical Faculty Certificate Bill; which is a bill that

was sponsored by Representative MaryLynn Magar and is going to be sponsored by Senator Maria Sachs. The bill would add our medical school to a statute that grants the authority to issue medical faculty certificates to new hires or visiting faculty. A medical faculty certificate allows these individuals to practice medicine without going through the full licensure process. We're the newest medical school in the state obviously fully accredited and this is the next step in what standard processes are for the medical schools in Florida. The other new medical schools have been added to this statute after they achieve full accreditation and were pursuing the same thing, the committee passed it unanimously and it moves on to the next step in House Education Appropriations and the Senate will hopefully move along a similar path. I'm happy to take any questions and provide you with any more details.

This concluded Ryan Britton's update; he invited questions and comments from the Trustees and thanked them for their continued support. There were none.

VP Volnick reminded the Board about FAU Day at the Capitol coming up on November 17th and thanked them for their attention.

Trustee Stilley requested a motion to adjourn the committee's meeting; a motion was made and seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved.