



Minutes
Florida SouthWestern State College
District Board of Trustees
Lee Campus – I-223
April 18, 2017
3:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College met in regular session in Fort Myers, Florida on April 18 at 3 pm with the meeting called to order by Brian Chapman, Chair.

Present
Brian Chapman, Jr., Chair
Tristan Chapman, Vice Chair
Eric Loche
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti
Chris Vernon

Absent Julia Perry Braxton Rhone Sankey E. "Eddie" Webb, III

Others Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President June Hollingshead, Recorder

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#### Introduction of Guests and Public Comment - None

#### President's Report

- FSW student Veronica Aguilera has been named to Phi Theta Kappa's All-USA Community College Academic Team, from a total of 1,800 applications submitted. She was one of four students from FSW named to the All-Florida Academic Team last month. With one of the highest competition scores nationwide, she was chosen as a 2017 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar. PTK's national office announced her as one of 15 students in the country awarded the 2017 Guistwhite Scholarship which helps offset the costs of a four-year degree.
- The Community for Accredited Online Schools has ranked FSW as one of the best colleges
  offering online learning in Florida. Of the 394 state universities, colleges and vocational
  schools in the state, FSW ranked 40<sup>th</sup>.
- College Choice announced its 50 best community colleges in the country, and ranked FSW 31<sup>st</sup>. College Choice correlated data from Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, Payscale, and individual community colleges to compile the list. Considered factors were: 1<sup>st</sup> year retention rates, 3-year graduation rates, credentials awarded, percentage of non-traditional and minority students, percentage of Pell grants, and minority graduation rates.
- Commencement is May 5 at Suncoast Credit Union Arena. Ceremonies are at 10 a.m. for our AA degree graduates and 2 p.m. for our certificate, AS, and bachelor degree graduates.
- The FSW softball team won the Suncoast Conference for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Coach lamurri has 100+ wins. The NJCAA District/State tournament is April 28 in Vero Beach.
- Our athletic department hosts its inaugural FSW Athletics Golf Fundraiser on Thursday, April 20 at 1 p.m. at The Club at the Strand in Naples. Proceeds benefit FSW athletics.

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- There is a baseball home game April 21 at 3 p.m. against South Florida State College.
- Dr. Allbritten discussed with the Trustees an April 13 letter from Governor Rick Scott and FSW's response regarding six funding issues.

### Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting February 28, 2017

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Tristan Chapman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 28, 2017, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### Academic Affairs & Student Services Committee Report

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 2. 2017 Faculty Sabbatical Requests

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to approve faculty sabbatical requests for Professor Jill Hummel and Dr. Sarah Lublink, as presented. Approved unanimously.

## **Business Affairs & Facilities Committee Report**

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 3. 2016-2017 Annual Equity Update Report

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Eric Loche, to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Equity Update Report, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### Consent Agenda

Agenda Item 4. Financial Services Consent Agenda – Budget Amendments

Agenda Item 5. Personnel Actions

Agenda Item 6. Faculty Contract Recommendations

Agenda Item 7. Non-Administrative Contract Recommendations

Agenda Item 8. Administrative Contract Recommendations

Agenda Item 9. Executive Contract Recommendations

MOTION by Tristan Chapman, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to approve Consent Agenda Items 4-9, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### Information Only

Agenda Item 10. Florida SouthWestern State College Monthly Financial Report

Agenda Item 11. Fire, Safety, Sanitation and Casualty Inspection Report

Agenda Item 12. FSW State College Foundation, Inc. 3rd Quarter Financial Reports

Agenda Item 13. FSW State College Financing Corp. 3rd Quarter Financial/Investment Reports

Agenda Items 10-13 were presented for information only.

## Institutional Advancement & Policy Committee Report

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 14. **PUBLIC HEARING** Policy 6Hx6:5.05 Employee Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibilities

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to approve the proposed amendments to Policy 6Hx6:5.05 Employee Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibilities, as presented. Approved unanimously.

### Agenda Item 15. Policy 6Hx6:5.04 Sick Leave

MOTION by Tristan Chapman, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to approve proposed Policy 6Hx6:5.04 Sick Leave, as presented. Approved unanimously.

# Agenda Item 16. Amendment to Board Policy 6Hx6:6.01 Student Code of Conduct

MOTION by Chris Vernon, seconded by Tristan Chapman, to approve the amendment to Policy 6Hx6:6.01 Student Code of Conduct, as presented.

MOTION TO AMEND by Chris Vernon to insert the words "or Federal" before the word "law" in Section P. Weapons, #1. Approved unanimously.

Amended Agenda Item 16, Section P. Weapons, #1 now reads:

Except as authorized by Florida or Federal law, on-campus possession or use of firearms (even with a permit), explosives, knives or other weapons or dangerous articles or substances, including but not limited to, non-lethal weapons such as pellet guns, look-alike weapons, or the use of any item as a weapon.

END PUBLIC HEARING - The Chairman declared the public hearing ended.

# Agenda Item 17. Mediated Settlement with Laura Weir

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Chris Vernon, to approve the mediated settlement with Laura Weir, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

#### Board Requested Information/Report

#### Agenda Item 18. Discussion of Retaining Legal Counsel for the Board of Trustees

At the February 28, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Brian Chapman suggested that the Board consider retaining legal counsel for the Board of Trustees. Trustee Chris Vernon agreed that he would explore the idea of separate counsel for the Board and report back to the Board at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

Biographies for two possible attorneys, Richard E. Mitchell and Robert C. Shearman, as well as a sample contract form, were presented to the Trustees. Following discussion, it was determined that this item would be brought to the Board to vote on at the June 27, 2017 meeting.

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#### **New Business**

Report: Provost Stewart concerning graduate employment Dr. Allbritten covered this item in his Report to the Board.

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#### Professional Development - None

#### **President's Comments**

- Dr. Allbritten thanked the Trustees for their discussion of Governor Scott's letter.
- Trustees were given invitations to a "Community Round Up" on May 2, 2017 celebrating donor appreciation and featuring an open house at the Hendry/Glades Center.
- The latest version of FSW's Spyglass Magazine was shared with the Board.

#### **Board Members' Comments**

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m., followed by a short recess in order to link to the Charlotte Campus for the Charter School Governing Board meeting for our two charter schools.

Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten College President

Brian Chapman, Jr., Chair District Board of Trustees

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# Minutes Florida SouthWestern State College Charter Schools Governing Board Lee Campus – I-223 April 18, 2017

#### Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College reconvened and met as the Charter Schools Governing Board in regular session in Fort Myers, Florida on 04/18/17 at 4:55 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Brian Chapman, Chair.

#### Present

Brian Chapman, Jr.
Tristan Chapman
Eric Loche
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti
Chris Vernon

Absent Julia Perry Braxton Rhone Sankey E. "Eddie" Webb, III

Others
Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President
June Hollingshead, Recorder

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment - None

Reports to the Charter Schools Governing Board - None

Old Business - None

**New Business** 

Other Business

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Collegiate High Schools' Consent Agenda Budget Amendments

MOTION by Tristan Chapman, seconded by Chris Vernon, to approve the Collegiate High Schools' Consent Agenda budget amendments, as presented. Approved unanimously.

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# **Information Only**

# Agenda Item 2. Collegiate High Schools' Monthly Financial Report

The collegiate high schools' monthly financial report was presented for information only.

## **President's Comments**

## **Board Members' Comments**

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten College President

Brian Chapman, Jr., Chair District Board of Trustees

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