

APPROVED

Agenda Item 2 (b)



WORKSHOP
Florida SouthWestern State College
District Board of Trustees
LaBelle Campus
June 27, 2023

Present: Chris Cunningham, Chair
Julia du Plooy, Vice Chair
Bruce Laishley
Bill Banfield
Danny Nix, Jr.

Absent: David Ciccarello
Laura Perry

Others: Dr. Jeffery Allbritten, President
Linda Saunders, Recorder

Dr. Doeble provided a recap on legislation session 2023 of what we did and where we are going. In 2022, we took on the Southern Group. In December 2022, Dr. Doeble and the Southern Group went to Senator Passidomo, and again in January and February asking for support. In March and April, we followed up with questions.

Five main budget requests:

- Recurring \$7.5 million, we got \$5 million
- Renovation on Collier Campus
- Ian (hurricane) not funded
- Cyber program (new) received \$970,000
- Renovation on Lee Campus received \$14 million

2.7 percent of the budget, then moved up 3.8 operating funds doubled compared to the college system.

\$5 million operational support - The new funding model has a positive impact for next year.

Leadership thoughts

- Dr. Doeble will meet with Southern Group to discuss 2025
- Nix asked if we have reached out to employers in our area. Dr. Bilsky's Workforce team is reaching out to employers in the area

Dr. Bilsky reorganized the workforce, making a good connection with businesses and industries and added Project management and Human Resources in construction.

- du Plooy asked where we land with funding compared to other colleges. Dr. Doeble will put it together
- Dr. Doeble thanked Nix for introducing FSW to Southern Group and the Foundation who have funded them

Toby Discenza provided the following information

Budget report

- Salary study for all staff (high priority to keep staff) funding helped to fund the study
- Reduction in course fees to help students
- The budget for 2024 totals 166 million for the upcoming year (not including HS)

Summary budget books handed out.

- Bruce is excited about the whole college budget and mentions election year may reduce the budget (tough next year)

Handout:

- Page 3 operating fund- look at enrollment for next year, 3% decline, 2% increase in enrollment as of this day
- HERF funds are used to analyze budgets
- FRS rates went up; health insurance went up
- 4.1 million reserves set aside
- Capital 1 million

Dr. Allbritten feels good about the next three years: new employees, 25 unfrozen positions and a 3% increase for current employees.

Fund 2

- Grants and large donations
- Herf and recorded and restricted funds
- Total gifts and donations have gone up
- Down in fund 2 (restricted)

Fund 3

- Bookstore, arena, and auxiliary
- 2.2 million revenue

Financial Aid

- Relatively flat
- State funds increased a bit

Fund 7

- Capital fund
- List of projects for the upcoming year
- Lee Campus is currently remodeling Building K and Building L


Tuition and fees

- No tuition increase (same for past 10yrs)
- Working on reducing course fees
- List of course fee changes kept in the binder

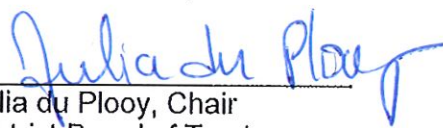
Board Members' Comments

- Cunningham thought staff was well prepared

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am



Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten
College President



Julia du Plooy, Chair
District Board of Trustees

September 12, 2023