



Minutes
Florida SouthWestern State College
District Board of Trustees
Lee Campus, I-223
November 13, 2018
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 11/13/18 at 3:00 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Braxton Rhone, Chair.

Present:
Braxton Rhone, Chair
Danny Nix, Vice Chair
Mike Boose
Chris Cunningham
Julia du Plooy
Bruce Laishley
Jonathan Martin
Laura Perry
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti

Others:

Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President June Hollingshead, Recorder

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### Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

David Hodges of NBC-2 requested to speak to *Agenda Item #10 – Title IX Update*. He stated that he had a question directed to Dr. Allbritten regarding requests for an interview with Dr. Allbritten about Title IX and Dr. Jeff Stewart, namely, "Is the College aware of any other items against Dr. Stewart?" Trustees Starnes-Bilotti and Perry stated that they were not aware of any. Dr. Allbritten stated that the College has shared all that it is going to share. Trustee Martin called the point that Mr. Hodges was questioning rather than commenting, and Mr. Hodges left the podium.

## President's Report

- Dr. Allbritten has returned from serving with SACS-COC in an initial accreditation review for an American university in Dubai.
- New Dean, School of Health Professions, Dr. Paula Tropello, will begin duties mid-February.
- Dr. Larry Miller, Dean, School of Education, will be leaving FSW in January. Dr. Joyce Rollins will assume the role of Interim Dean as a search gets underway for a new dean.
- \$250,000 from the Foundation has been allocated to the International Education program.
- A committee has been chosen for a new Provost search.

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- Dr. Allbritten explained how Amendment 7 impacts the Florida College System.
- The College has submitted an application for a \$2M workforce training grant for rebuilding of the Nursing program simulation lab on the Charlotte Campus.
- Dr. Allbritten introduced our new Director, Communications and Public Information Officer, Greg Turchetta.
- Dr. Allbritten recognized Dr. Martin Tawil, Faculty Senate President, who addressed the Board concerning a recent climate survey of faculty.
- FSW and FGCU officially launched *Destination FGCU* on September 28, 2018, which includes a seamless transfer of FSW AA grads to FGCU Bachelors; a reverse transfer option so FSW students who are transferring to FGCU will be able to apply their FGCU coursework toward an eligible associate degree at FSW; a dedicated FGCU admissions representative to work with FSW students; an articulation pathway and scholarship to bridge Honor students; a scholarship program for FSW Collegiate High School graduates; and FGCU degree programs for adult learners at the Charlotte and Collier campuses.
- The School of Business and Technology is now offering a Risk and Insurance Management College Credit Certificate through the AS in Business Administration and Management program. FSW is one of only 13 Florida colleges designated to offer this option. The Good Works Fund recently donated \$5,000 for student scholarships for this program.
- The AS in Radiologic Technology program has received continuing accreditation from their Joint Review Committee through 2026.
- FSW Collier Campus students Ana Hernandez and Gabrielly Cordon received the Florida College System's *Commissioner's Leadership Award* for their academic focus, leadership and mentorship they provide their fellow students at the FSW Collier Campus.
- For the fifth consecutive semester, 100% of FSW's Elementary Education graduating teacher candidates have received job offers for local teaching positions.
- Both FSW collegiate high schools have once again been named Schools of Excellence by the Florida DOE. Only seven high schools earned this designation in our 5-county region.
- FSW's Music Program will debut its Rock Ensemble on November 28 during the annual Fall Student Concert Series. The Concert Band will perform November 20, and the Orchestra and Choir on December 4, both at the BB Mann Performing Arts Hall.
- On October 20, FSW's Nursing program celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and welcomed alumni, current and future Nursing program students to the celebration.
- The men's basketball team is currently 5-0 and are ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the most recent NJCAA pre-season poll. The women's team is currently 4-1 and are ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the poll.
- Dr. Allbritten reported from his recent COP meeting about Hurricane Michael's devastation to Gulf Coast State College in Panama City. Anticipated repair costs are \$39M. AFC initiated a fund to help impacted AFC members, and Dr. Allbritten urged donations to this worthy cause.
- Dr. Allbritten shared what the recent election means to the Trustees during a gubernatorial transition as well as handouts addressing legislative budget requests, erratic PECO funding, higher education budget ranking, and State University System funding levels.

## Vote to Take Action On

WALK-ON Agenda Item. Proposed Revisions to the 2018-2019 Board of Trustees Meeting/ Workshop Schedule

MOTION by Chris Cunningham, seconded by Danny Nix, to amend the schedule as discussed in the joint committee meeting to include 3 Workshop dates: January 22, March 27, and May 28, on the Lee campus from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. These workshops primarily will be discussion sessions but any business of the College can be administered as well. Approved unanimously.

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Agenda Item #1. Approval of Minutes September 25, 2018: (a) Regular, and (b) Charter School Governing Board Meeting

MOTION by Danny Nix, seconded by Julia du Plooy, to approve the minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes October 29, 2018 Discussion - Hendry/Glades Curtis Center

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Julia du Plooy, to approve the minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

Agenda Item #3. Personnel Actions

Agenda Item #4. Removal of College Property from Inventory

Agenda Item #5. (a) The Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation, Inc. DSO Audit Review Checklist, and (b) Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation, Inc. Exemption Form 1023 and Federal IRS Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax Form 990

Agenda Item #6. Amendment to a Lease with Western Michigan University

MOTION by Chris Cunningham, seconded by Jonathan Martin, to approve Consent Agenda Items 3-6, as presented. Approved unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

#### Agenda Item #7. College Investment Update

Dr. Gina Doeble introduced Scott Stitcher and Jason Human of PFM Asset Management, LLC, a firm in Orlando who manages FSW assets. They shared a brief PowerPoint summarizing FSW's fixed income portfolio of \$7,306,376, portfolio earnings, a comparison relative to peer colleges, and how our investments are made within State Statute guidelines.

#### Agenda Item #8. 2019-2020 College Budget

Dr. Gina Doeble and Dr. Allbritten presented an overview of the 2019-2020 budget. Dr. Doeble reviewed the monthly informational reports which are a standing Board agenda item, financial trends, including FTE trends and expense trends, and a cost analysis comparison by functional categories between FSW and the System average. Also discussed were strategic directions, COP legislative budget requests, FSW funding priorities, tuition rates, and health insurance increase expectations.

## Agenda Item #9. Hendry and Glades Counties - Demographics

Dr. Martin McClinton, Dean, School of Pure and Applied Science, shared a PowerPoint focusing on a five-county regional profile. Included were topics ranging from income per capita and geographic isolation of Hendry and Glades counties, to a lack of student access to the internet and the accompanying challenges to online learning. Also discussed was the Clewiston Collegiate Institute at Clewiston High School, and the hope of a potential partnership for Glades County for a Collegiate Institute in the near future in Moore Haven. Trustee Perry would like to see the start of dual-enrollment with 1-2 classes in Fall 2019. Dr. Peel will work with Trustee Perry about the possibility of holding a Board workshop somewhere in the area she represents in 2019.

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## Agenda Item #10. Title IX Update

Jana Sabo, Title IX Coordinator and Equity Officer, presented what is being done to enhance Title IX efforts at FSW. There is a new anonymous online reporting link on the Equity and Human Resources pages, and more updates of web pages are coming soon. New employees receive full training through CANVAS, with refreshers every year thereafter. A staff/faculty refresher will be given in January 2019. A work group will review results from a Climate Survey sent last week to students, staff and faculty to capture what is being done, and what is still needed. Ms. Sabo holds college wide events regarding stalking, consent, harassment, discrimination, etc., including speaking in classrooms. 42 events have been held this year. Notices of non-discrimination are posted in 113 campus locations, and Title IX informational stickers are in all bathrooms. Trustee Starnes-Bilotti requested that the Board be sent the website's training link, or that it be part of a Board workshop.

## Agenda Item #11 - Campus Safety Update

Anthony Giaimo, Director, Public Safety/Chief of Police, spoke about an assessment of needs of our campuses currently underway by a VERITAS assessment team comprised of experts from the FBI, FDLE, and other law enforcement professionals. Focused on a vulnerability study involving overall safety of students, faculty and staff, as well as active aggressor events, special attention will be given to crisis plans, communication, access points, lighting and other critical points of safety. First drafts of this assessment should be available by year's end. A Homeland Security event, Active Shooter Training, is scheduled for February 25, 2019. This Campus Resilience Program aims to support institutions of higher education to become more resilient by building upon best practices, lessons learned, and resources already developed. Of 31 applicants, FSW was selected by the leadership selection committee to host the Winter RTTX event. It will bring together 120 participants from more than 25 institutions within the region and will focus on an active shooter scenario.

### **Old Business**

- Proposed revisions to the current Board of Trustees Meeting/Workshop Schedule were discussed in the Joint Committee meeting prior to the regular Board meeting, voted on in the regular Board meeting as a walk-on item, and approved unanimously.
- The Trustees' annual evaluation process of the President, *A 360 Component*, led by Susan Bronstein, was discussed in the Joint Committee meeting prior to the regular Board meeting.

New Business - None

**President's Comments** 

**Board Members' Comments** 

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Jeftery S. Allbritten College President

Braxton Rhone, Chair District Board of Trustees

February 26, 2019