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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Norman Tripp convened the meeting on January 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Link, Beard, Frost, Graham, Stewart (phone), and Valverde. A quorum was established.

2. Meeting Minutes

Chair Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015, committee meeting. Governor Beard 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. Ignash reported on the following activities of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) unit:

- Board staff have been working on numerous legislative analyses requested due to early start of the session.
- The shared reciprocal Institutional Review Board agreement was signed by each of the 12 SUS institutions. This agreement will provide an opportunity for collaborative research to proceed much more quickly and to help in securing external funding.
- The Academic Coordination Project Workgroup held an extra meeting on November 13, 2015, at UCF to discuss issues that arise about curriculum and students during the review of new proposals.
- The Academic Coordination Project Workgroup met on December 11, 2015 via conference call to review and comment on 23 new program proposals.
- ASA staff received TEAm grants data regarding growth of additional degrees in the high demand fields targeted in the grants and will have an update of those programs at a subsequent meeting.

4. Access and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

- A. SUS Programs and Services: Video

Chair Tripp introduced a video highlighting the educational accommodations and academic and student support services in the SUS for students with disabilities. Following the video, Chair Tripp thanked Ms. Amanda Niguidula, the Director of the Disability Resource Center and the staff at FIU for all of their work in producing the video.

B. Recognition: Johnson Scholarship Foundation

Chair Tripp introduced Mr. Malcolm Macleod, President of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation. This foundation has provided annual scholarship funds for students with disabilities and supports individual projects at various universities within our System.

Mr. Macleod provided a brief history of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and described the mission to assist disadvantaged people in attaining education and employment. Since 1991, the Johnson Scholarship Foundation has made grants of about \$110 million. This scholarship program serves SUS students very well and is a model program with partnerships with the legislature, the Board of Governors, and the disability services offices at each of the universities.

Governor Kuntz noted that the legislature has been matching some of the grants at \$4 million. Chancellor Criser commented that the Johnson Scholarship Foundation has continued to fund our students when the legislature was not able to make that match and stated that their stewardship for our state has been incredible. Mr. Macleod continued that when the matching funds weren't available, the Johnson Scholarship Foundation made a supplementary grant to each of the institutions on the basis that the institution would match the supplementary grant. Although the State match has been restored, the supplemental grant and institutional match has continued as it engages the disability service offices and the rest of the university to help more with the unmet need.

Chair Tripp introduced Abigail Roberson from FSU and Justin Holt from FAMU, both Johnson Scholarship recipients. Both students spoke to the importance of the scholarship to their educational experiences.

5. Academic Program Items

A. Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in American Sign Language/English Interpreting (16.1603) at the University of North Florida

Chair Tripp presented the request for seeking limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in American Sign Language/English Interpreting at the University of North Florida. The university has determined that a minimum language competency and specific cognitive processing skills are needed to acquire the ability to serve as an American Sign Language/English interpreter. Florida College System transfer students will not be disadvantaged by the screening process. The UNF Board of Trustees approved limited access for the program on October 15, 2015, and

if approved by the Board of Governors, UNF would implement limited access status for the program effective fall 2016.

Governor Link moved to approve limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in American Sign Language/English Interpreting, CIP 16.1603, at the University of North Florida. Governor Frost seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

B. Termination of the Ph.D. in Chemical Physics (40.0508) at Florida State University

Chair Tripp introduced the request from Florida State University to terminate the Ph.D. in Chemical Physics (40.0508). No students or faculty will be adversely affected by this change. The FSU Board of Trustees approved the termination of the program on October 9, 2015, and if approved by the Board of Governors, the termination would become effective spring 2016.

Governor Link moved to approve termination of the Ph.D. in Chemical Physics, CIP code 40.0508, at the Florida State University effective spring 2016. Governor Beard seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

C. Termination of the Ph.D. in Research and Evaluation Methods (13.0601) at Florida State University

Chair Tripp introduced the request from Florida State University to terminate the Ph.D. in Research and Evaluation Methods (CIP 13.0601). The degree content has been consolidated within the Educational Leadership and Policy program and is now offered as a major. No students or faculty will be adversely affected by this change. The FSU Board of Trustees approved the termination of the program on October 9, 2015, and if approved by the Board of Governors, the termination would become effective January 4, 2016.

Governor Beard moved to approve termination of the Ph.D. in Research and Evaluation Methods, CIP Code 13.0601, at the Florida State University effective January 4, 2016. Governor Link seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

6. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Chair Tripp introduced FGCU Provost Dr. Ron Toll, representing the SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP).

Provost Toll reported on the following CAVP activities:

- Shared the CAVP response with Chair Kuntz regarding performance based funding metric 1, which will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Noted that the CAVP is pleased with the opportunity to weigh in and provide feedback at an open workshop in March on PBF metric 3.

- Reported that, in aggregate, the universities will be pledging \$61,000 per year for 4 years to provide faculty with needed resources, training, and to embrace online education and achieve the target set for the State University System. Chair Kuntz thanked the provosts for this effort although the legislative funding for this initiative has not materialized.
- Noted that accommodations for students with disabilities must include understanding of responsibilities as well “reasonableness” to comply with all state and federal regulations.
- Noted that out-of-state institutions are establishing presence and expanding influence in Florida. The resulting competition may hurt the efforts of the State University System to accommodate clinical placements of students in allied health areas.
- Reported that SACSCOC is reviewing its guiding principles and is soliciting input. The CAVP is considering a joint letter which would provide input into changes in terms of accrediting processes as administered by SACS for the State of Florida and the southeast region.
- Observed that the CAVP is tracking current K-12 and higher education bills moving through the legislature.

In response to Provost Toll’s observation that out-of-state institutions may be competing with SUS institutions for clinical placements, Governor Morton stated “We have to make a concerted effort to demand match the needs of clinical placement with the graduation of talented people in the state of Florida. There is a high correlation where people do clinical practice and set up households. It behooves us to keep highly skilled people in our state.” Governor Valverde stated that Florida, on a per capita basis, ranks last in the country as it relates to medical residencies and that 80% of residents that go out of the state stay in that state. He asked what is being done today in our legislature to attract GME dollars. Chancellor Criser said that there are ongoing conversations with the deans of medical schools about creating new residencies, while recognizing the matching process is driven by student selection.

Governor Levine said that due to the caps and the cuts in funding, many residency seats are being funded by hospitals themselves. He continued that when we talk about new slots and new dollars for slots, we don’t want to penalize hospitals that have been paying for slots while others who have not been paying for slots all of a sudden get slots that are fully funded. Provost Toll commented that some of the outside institutions pay for a certain number of slots and that this is applicable not only for doctors, but also for nursing, OT, DPT, and all programs that require clinical placement. Governor Hosseini said that there is nothing currently in legislation that speaks to these issues. He referred to the approval of FAU’s programs when FAU secured successful partnerships with five hospitals. Governor Levine stated that many allied health professionals are trained outside of the State University System and private colleges are approaching hospitals regarding their need for slots and in some cases are willing to pay for the cost to the hospitals for providing experiences creating a competitive marketplace. Governor Frost stated that the state supports medical

education, both public and private. Governor Morton questioned what we are doing to align our resources and universities. Governor Kuntz questioned the gap in the number of graduates and the number of residencies. Governor Morton said he would guess that the gap is in the 100s. Provost Glover commented that there are two issues: (1) clinical placements are limited thereby limiting production of practitioners and (2) retention and medical residencies.

B. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Kevin Bailey, UWF Vice President for Student Affairs, to provide a brief update on activities of the SUS Council for Student Affairs. Dr. Bailey mentioned the issue of monitoring student participation on social media as well as monitoring student activism and the need for student affairs professionals on campus to be open to dialogue and collaboration with students and student leaders in order to participate in and help shape the conversations.

Chair Tripp asked if mental health programs are in place that are being effective for students. Governor Hosseini stated that we have a proposal to our legislature regarding mental health counseling needs.

C. Florida Student Association

Chair Tripp recognized student Board member, Governor Tonnette Graham, to provide a brief update on activities and issues of interest to the Florida Student Association and State University System students.

Governor Graham shared the following:

- Each institution has systems and resources in place for mental health support.
- FSA is preparing for the following:
 - First meeting of the year at Florida Polytechnic
 - Rally in Tally
 - Florida Student Association Lobbying Day
 - Two higher education roundtables to provide students across the state information on advocacy and lobbying
 - Travel to D.C. to lobby on the federal level
 - Partnering with Florida College Access Network for convention in Orlando
 - Presidential leadership experience in D.C.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Norman Tripp, Chair

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