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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Darlene Jordan convened the Academic and Student Affairs meeting at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Governors Lamb, Cerio, Frost, Haddock, Schneider, and Self. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of January 27, 2021, Committee Meeting

Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021, committee meeting. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Lamb seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer's Report

Chair Jordan recognized the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christy England, to give an update on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) unit.

Dr. England shared that staff have been conducting bill analysis for the 2020-2021 Legislative Session and processing academic program items. Also, Board staff are preparing for the annual review of institutions' student code of conduct and anti-hazing policies. She said Board staff are also completing some follow-up work on behalf of the Taskforce on Academic and Workforce Alignment to ensure institutions are meeting Florida's workforce needs.

Dr. England reported that the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) met on February 24, 2021, to approve the ACC Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies list and update the common prerequisite manual. She also shared that Bob Ward, from the Florida Council of 100, provided employer feedback to the SUS Career Center Directors at their March meeting.

4. Reverse Transfer Statewide Articulation Agreement

Chair Jordan said the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the Reverse Transfer Statewide Articulation Agreement. She recognized Dr. England to give the presentation.

Dr. England explained that the 2019 Legislature amended section 1007.23, Florida Statutes, to require the Florida College System (FCS) and the State University System (SUS) to develop a Reverse Transfer Articulation Agreement. She noted that the agreement would allow FCS students who transfer to a SUS institution with more than 30 semester hours from a single institution to receive an Associate of Arts degree from the FCS institution once the student reaches 60 credit hours at the SUS institution. Dr. England reported that Board Regulation 8.007, Articulation, was adopted in May 2020 to align with statutory requirements. She noted that a statewide workgroup, comprised of representatives from the SUS and FCS institutions, Department of Education's Office of Articulation, Florida College System office, and Board of Governors office, identified the key components necessary for the implementation of the statewide agreement. Dr. England stated that a draft of the agreement was developed and reviewed by both the Board's and Florida College System's general counsel and sent to all institutions for review and input. Dr. England explained that the proposed agreement would provide consistency for FCS and SUS institutions regarding the interpretation of requirements, expectations for eligibility, identification of eligible students, and the responsibilities and expectations for SUS and FCS institutions. Dr. England then provided a brief overview of the basic expectations for SUS and FCS institutions as outlined in the articulation agreement and next steps if the agreement is approved by the Board of Governors.

Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve the Reverse Transfer Statewide Articulation Agreement. Governor Lamb moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation, 6.013 Military Veterans and Active Duty.

Chair Jordan said the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of a Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. She then recognized Dr. England to give the presentation.

Dr. England provided a brief background on the policy the proposed amendment would address. The 2020 Legislature amended Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, requiring the FCS, SUS, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to work together to develop a policy and process for the evaluation and awarding of academic credit for military training and courses. She noted that the policy was approved by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education in January.

Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. Governor Lamb moved to approve, Governor Self seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination

Chair Jordan stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of a Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination. She then recognized Dr. England to give the presentation.

Dr. England noted that the academic program coordination process has evolved since its inception in November of 2011 and provided examples of changes to the process. Dr. England stated the proposed amendment would update the regulation to align with current academic program coordination practices including the quarterly review of pre-proposals for new academic degree programs under consideration for implementation at System institutions and a comprehensive review, every three years, of enrollments and degrees awarded in all academic programs in the System. Additionally, the amended regulation would formally recognize the Council of Academic Vice Presidents Academic Coordination Group.

Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Lamb, seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

7. Academic Program Items

A. Master of Science in Applied Data Science, CIP 11.0104, at New College of Florida

Chair Jordan stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of New College of Florida's request to implement a Master of Science in Applied Data Science. She then recognized Dr. England to present the proposal.

Dr. England presented a brief overview of the rationale for Board approval for a master's level program at New College of Florida. She noted that the Board approved the mission change at its March 20, 2014, meeting. The change permits New College to offer master's level programs contingent upon Board approval.

Dr. England shared the purpose of the proposed program noting that it offers students the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiences through two industry-based practicums. Additionally, she highlighted the program's accessibility by offering a boot camp required for all students, except New College undergraduates who enroll in the 3+2 option for the program.

Dr. England indicated that the proposed program would enroll 24 students in year one with a goal of 52 students by year five. Additionally, she highlighted the data that supports the workforce demand for data scientists.

Dr. England shared that the program has sufficient faculty and resources to implement the proposed program. Additionally, she stated the program would be funded through enrollment growth dollars, with a total cost of \$422,000 in year one. Lastly, she said that New College would charge the currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$474.33 for residents and \$1,169.47 for non-residents.

Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve New College of Florida's request to implement a Master of Science in Applied Data Science in CIP 11.0104. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Haddock seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. Kognito Training Update

Chair Jordan recognized Dr. England to provide an update on the number of faculty and staff who have completed the Kognito mental health literacy training.

Dr. England presented a brief background on the purpose of the Drugs, Alcohol, and Mental Health Task Force. She noted that the task force, initiated by former Board Chair Ned Lautenbach in January 2018, was charged with reviewing evidence to document the most critical issues facing students in the SUS and identifying best practices to inform system-wide recommendations for addressing the identified issues.

Dr. England indicated that the task force's recommendations include ten system-wide initiatives tracked via a data dashboard, along with system-wide mental health literacy training of all faculty and staff by January of 2021 through the Kognito system. She reported that all 12 SUS institutions adopted the Kognito training module, and that more than 70,100 faculty and staff have been trained through the system as of January 31, 2021. Dr. England noted that the percentages of faculty and staff trained varied by institution, ranging from 72% to 99%.

Lastly, Dr. England noted the plan to continue to require training for all current employees and new employees hired since January 1, 2021. She added that the Board office will continue to work with the Council for Student Affairs to monitor the impact of the Kognito training and other initiatives by evaluating student wellness through annual updates to the Student Wellness Dashboard each fall and the bi-annual reporting of the system-wide results from the American College Health Associations National Collegiate Health Assessment.

Chair Jordan expressed concern with institutions whose completion rates were reported in the 70% range. She commented on the need for a minimum threshold for institutions to maintain.

Governor Lamb requested all institutions present their completion data to their Board of Trustees and commented on the importance of accountability.

Governor Schneider commented on how interactive and effortless the training was to complete.

After discussion, the committee agreed to require a threshold of 95% compliance for all institutions. The committee also directed institutions to present Kognito training data to their Boards of Trustees and provide updated data at the June Board of Governors meeting.

## 9. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

### A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Chair Jordan recognized Dr. Kenneth Furton, Chair of the CAVP, who provided the following updates.

- CAVP continues to meet weekly to discuss topics critical to the delivery of academic programs during the pandemic.
- CAVP has discussed pending legislation and its potential impact.
- The council has discussed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' new Substantive Change Policy and its impact on accreditation.
- CAVP continues to discuss strategies to achieve 100% compliance for Kognito training.
- Council members are assessing student performance during the pandemic and the impact of various learning modalities.
- CAVP is looking at institutional plans for in-person spring commencement.
- The council is reviewing fall and summer course scheduling strategies to increase in-person capacity on campus.
- The council has been discussing possible collaboration within the SUS related to sharing online language courses and artificial intelligence technology.

### B. Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Chair Jordan recognized Dr. William Hudson Jr., Chair of the CSA, who provided the following updates.

- CSA continues to work towards 100% compliance for Kognito training. Additionally, CSA is working with Kognito to address language barriers within the module.
- CSA continues to meet weekly, respond to COVID-19, and ensure the continuity of student services such as counseling services, student services, and career services.

- CSA also continues to discuss and engage in activities to promote adherence to COVID-19 protocols for commencement and on-campus activities.

#### C. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Chair Jordan recognized Governor Schneider, Chair of the FSA, who provided the following updates.

- FSA voted to oppose the proposed Senate Bill 86 that would change eligibility guidelines for the Bright Futures Scholarship. A group of FSA members spoke at the Senate Education Committee meeting.
- FSA held a successful virtual Rally in Tally event to lobby for legislative priorities, which included the following.
  - House Bill 23
  - Bright Futures
  - Food and housing insecurities, SUS Legislative Budget request, specifically the Pillars of Excellence Funding

#### D. Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)

Chair Jordan recognized Governor Self, who provided an update on the ACFS.

- ACFS members continue to discuss the accessibility of COVID-19 vaccinations for faculty and staff across the system, COVID-19 testing and tracing, post COVID-19 teaching and learning, and pending legislative activity related to SB 264 and HB 233.

### 11. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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Darlene Jordan, Chair

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