ACFS Meeting August 31, 2020

Attendees: Bill Self, UCF; Deanna Michael, USF; Keith Koons, UCF; Joe Harrington, UCF; Joerg Reinhold, FIU; Sylvain Dore, UF; David Bloom, UF; David Harvey, NCF; Sarah Hernandez, NCF; Ray Thomas, UF; Jenifer Schneider, USF; Kevin Wagner, FAU; Erin Ryan, FSU; Matt Crow, UWF; Fawn Ngo, USF; Todd Adams, FSU; Gordan Rakita, UNF; Martha Pelaez, FIU; Sherry Schneider, UWF.

Guest: Chancellor Marshall Criser

Conversation with the Chancellor

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Memo-Chancellor Criser explained that the BOG workgroup was listening to what students and faculty are saying to create a systemwide conversation. He wanted ACFS feedback as well. ACFS members suggested gender and racial equity on Boards of Trustees. Right now the BOTs do not represent the population of the universities or of Florida.

University Enrollment-Around 63% of high school graduates in Florida are considered college ready, but data shows that the middle income students are not enrolling at universities. The lack of interest in high education in this income group needs to be addressed. The discussion of how to interest families in this income group centered around scholarships and messaging in ways that reflect the value of higher education for them.

FALC-The essential services are being identified. The economies of scale in the consolidated services are being preserved. Where it is moving will be known by October.

The ACFS members thanked Chancellor Criser for taking the time to discuss these issues with them.

ACFS Website-Please check membership list for each institution. Florida Polytechnic University will have a new representative. President Victoria Astley is resigning her position at Florida Polytechnic.

Next meeting planning:
Victoria Astley and Jim Dewey from Polytechnic will be invited to discuss faculty governance there.

October 16th meeting planning:

Review of SUS Faculty Constitutions-All universities periodically review their constitutions. Examining all of the constitutions in the SUS gives senates/councils the opportunity to incorporate ideas from other institutions during those reviews.

Meeting will be planned to be face to face and Zoom depending on travel guidelines. Bill Self will check with UCF media about a mixed meeting.

Future meetings:
The next BOG meeting is November 4. We will have our usual pre-BOG meeting on November 3.

There will also be a pre-BOG meeting on January 25th (BOG meeting on January 26th)
Potential future topics:

1. Whether universities could get loans to keep competitive edge.
2. What is happening on our campuses in the context of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
3. All minutes submitted for approval.
4. The Roberts Rule of Order: agenda and minutes for each meeting
5. Performance Based Funding-keeping 10 or 100 points?