

ACFS Pre-BOG meeting minutes July 20

Opening discussion on COVID 19 and updates from most campuses

- Emphasize testing needs – given the concerns of faculty (one member discussed their battle with COVID on a personal level, very compelling to drive our conversation)
- UF used town hall to help bring questions to the administration (efficient way to communicate with large groups); concerns on child care; still substantial number of students, faculty and staff that refuse to get tested (about 20%)
- USF is actively seeking faculty feedback and new leaders present at the meeting (Jenifer Schneider introduced); lack of clarity on how HR is going to deal with faculty who are not comfortable returning
- Suggested survey document for ACFS - follow through from Joe Harrington at UCF with google shared document (google spreadsheet) to common questions raised (shared after meeting)
- FAU (Dunn) would appreciate sharing information and concerns through this document
- Face masks (who will police) still a major concern
- Fall enrollment also discussed (mostly similar or increased at many institutions)
- Members mentioned that there is no direct pressure from BOG on reopening plans (presidents)
- Discussion on testing and tracing concerns (3 people per day per tracer?); needs will be far greater
- Some schools are not planning their own testing or partnerships
- Senate meetings likely at each SUS will be virtual
- Florida Poly is mostly face to face (80%) unlike other institutions; faculty are not all that comfortable or happy with this situation
- FIU (Reinhold) update – center of pandemic right now in Miami; Masks will be required; contact tracing – staff hired (also similar at UCF and UF and others); App being used to track faculty, staff and students; August 8th not going back (still remote likely);
- FAU similar to others status and close to FIU in terms of pandemic center

Non-COVID

- Discussion of academic program review at BOG (slow walking) – acknowledged by Self – will bring issue during briefings in the Fall
- Discussion of library issue (VETO) – FSU (Ryan) discussed at length with some potential resolution through joint funding commission; short term fix discussed – long term issue is likely difficult and costly to each institution; ACFS has a significant role given academic nature of budget cut and curriculum relationships; \$27 M cut is recurring

Pre-BOG agenda discussion

- PBF metric changing (regulation change); emphasis should be on following the rationale for this change (2 year grad rates for transfer students); what impact will this have on access? What is the reason for following these students? Will this change access rates and is this a positive or a negative?

Suggested next meeting – early August with Chancellor Criser visiting (Self will follow up during transition to Chair/BOG)