

**ACFS minutes – January 11th, 2019
Tallahassee, FL – DOE bldg.**

Members present: Shawn Felton (Chair), FIU; Bill Self (Vice Chair), UCF; Keith Koons, UCF; Sherry Schneider, UWF; Manoj Chopra, UCF; Michelle Kelley, UCF; Mike McDonald, FGCU; Katie Vogel Anderson, UF; Ray Thomas, UF; Keith Fitzgerald, NCF; Gary Tyson, FSU; Gordon Rakita, UNF; Scott Hochwald, UNF; Chris Beetle, FAU; Todd Adams, FSU; Kris Harper, FSU; Joerg Reinhold, FIU; Martha Pelaez, FIU

1) **Introductions of members** – (sign in sheet)

2) **Approval of minutes** (unanimous) –

3) Dr. Christy England – BOG staff presentation

Dr. England presented information to the group on the topics of Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health; 2+2 articulation and the modification of the BOG strategic plan. ACFS members discussed the need for input on the implementation of mental health training and offered to recommend faculty from our group if needed on this topic. A discussion of math and the implications on 2+2 articulations was also discussed and an update will be provided at the January BOG meeting. For the strategic plan a discussion of workforce metrics, and the potential for more metrics being added to the Strategic Plan were discussed.

A general discussion of the need for local and strong articulation agreements ensued, with additional comments and concerns over the four year graduation rates in engineering programs.

3) Marshall Criser – Chancellor

Chancellor Criser gave the ACFS group an update on likely legislative issues in the coming session, and discussed the kinds of admission policies that can aid in 2+2 transfer articulation agreements. The possibility that a transfer student metric could be added was also discussed. A further discussion of internships and how they might be able to count for credit was also a topic that was discussed amongst the group, as well as a general discussion of 4 year and 6 year graduation rates.

The Chancellor described the significance and severity of the investigation at UCF, and how it could impact the system during the legislative session. A short discussion of retirement benefits for faculty, and a discussion of how future funding likely will emphasize smart growth in terms of facilities and enrollment.

4) Tim Jones – BOG

Tim updated the group on PECO revenues and their source, as well as described some of the presentation that was made to the House subcommittee on capital projects and the use of carry forward funds at the State Colleges. The group also discussed updates to the PBF plan and discussed the ongoing work for which we have nominated our former Chair, Dr. Manoj Chopra, for in 2019.

5) History of ACFS – discussion from former leaders:

Manoj Chopra (former Chair, ACFS, invited by Shawn Felton)

Dr. Chopra described his perspective and gave advice on best practices to strengthen the group. Dr. Keith Fitzgerald also gave perspective on the relationships that can aid our group with local legislators in each of our regions of the state. Dr. Martha Pelaez also gave her perspectives as a past Chair of ACFS and discussed overall the impact of PBF on the system. Dr. Gary Tyson, current Past Chair, discussed how critical it is that we connect well with BOG staff and have a good rapport with BOG staff and other BOG members to best represent the group.

Discussion of Teleconference for ACFS (pre-BOG meeting)

The group discussed the use of teleconferences prior to BOG meetings (Zoom) that have recently been used. The plan moving forward is to have these each BOG meeting week on Monday at 3PM, all through Zoom teleconference (UCF host for now).

2:30 PM session – Issues list:

ACFS members discussed the importance of our group playing a role in the implementation of mental health training across the system, since it is likely to become mandatory for all faculty. Members with experience with the online system that is being developed gave positive feedback to the group.

Dr. Todd Adams shared with the group his attendance at a National Organization of faculty senates that occurred in Texas. At this conference it became clear that several other states have organizations like ACFS, especially Georgia and Texas. ACFS members showed interest in taking part in the future, but will adopt a ‘wait and see’ approach to see if another meeting takes place.

Dr. Rich Pyoti discussed some of the recent issues for faculty at staff at Florida Polytech, as well as continuing concerns over mental health issues there.

Leadership searches:

Provost at UNF will be a national search

VP Health Affairs and Dean College of Medicine at UF – there may be an announcement soon

Dean College of Health Professions and Sciences at UCF – new search (first search failed)

Future meeting dates:

January 31, 2020 ACFS in Tallahassee added to existing dates