

**Florida College System Council of Presidents Business Meeting
Association of Florida Colleges Policy and Advocacy Committee**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET
TSC Center for Innovation and ZOOM
300 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32301**

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COP Business Meeting

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER — President Jeff Allbritten
 - 1.1 Welcome and Remarks
- 2.0 Quorum Check – Mr. Tony Carvajal
- 3.0 Council of Presidents’ Minutes – President Jeff Allbritten
 - 3.1 Council of Presidents Business Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2025
- 4.0 Report of the Chair – President Jeff Allbritten
- 5.0 Policy and Advocacy Committee – President Georgia Lorenz
 - 5.1 Legislative Agenda Priorities
 - 5.2 Legislative Updates – Seth McKeel/Lacey Hofmeyer
- 6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Chancellor Kathy Hebda
- 7.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education – Chancellor Kevin O’Farrell
- 8.0 Other COP Committee and Work Group Reports
 - 8.1 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – President Jim Henningsen and Chauncey Fagler of FCSRMC
 - 8.2 Articulation Coordinating Committee – President Paul Broadie
 - 8.3 Media and Public Relations Committee – President Angela Garcia Falconetti and , with Karen Moore of Moore Agency
- 9.0 COP Support Council Reports
 - President Kathleen Plinske
 - 9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs – Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth
 - 9.2 Council of Student Affairs – Dr. Kathleen Karran-McCoy
 - 9.3 Council for Workforce Education – Dr. Prasanth Pilly

President Fred Hawkins

9.4 Council of Business Affairs – Dr. Barbara Wills

President Jeff Allbritten

9.5 Florida Council for Resource Development – Mr. Philip Dickey

10.0 Florida College System Activities Association – President Tonjua Williams and Ms. Kelly Warren

10.1 FCSAA Report

11.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report

11.1 AFC Updates – Dr. Mark Ross

11.2 CEO Report – Mr. Tony Carvajal

12.0 Announcements, Celebrations, and Other Business

13.0 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

April 9, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting – Tallahassee State College
April 10-11, 2025	COP Professional Development & Business Meeting – Tallahassee State College
May 2025	No COP Meeting
June 4-5, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting - Miami Dade College Followed by Commissioner’s Summit
June 19-20, 2025	COP Annual Meeting – Daytona State College
July 16, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting – Orlando
August 20, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting – Hillsborough Community College
September 24, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting – St. Johns River State College
November 13, 2025	State Board of Education Meeting - Orlando

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
Business Meeting Minutes (DRAFT until approved)

February 4, 2025 – TSC Center for Innovation and Zoom

Call To Order

President Jeff Allbritten called the Council of Presidents (COP) meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. ET.

Roll Call and Quorum Check *(15 presidents required for quorum)*

Broward: Interim President Donald Astrab
Chipola: President Sarah Clemmons
Central FL: President Jim Henningsen
Daytona: President Tom LoBasso
FL Gateway: President Lawrence Barrett
FL Southwestern: President Jeff Allbritten
FSCJ: President John Avendano
Gulf Coast: President Glen McDonald
Hillsborough: President Ken Atwater
Lake-Sumter: Interim President Laura Byrd
Miami Dade: President Madeline Pumariega
North FL: President John Grosskopf

Northwest FL: President Mel Ponder
Palm Beach: President Ava Parker
Pasco-Hernando: President Jesse Pisors
Pensacola: President Ed Meadows
Polk: President Angela Garcia Falconetti
Santa-Fe: President Paul Broadie
Seminole: President Georgia Lorenz
South FL: President Fred Hawkins
St. Pete: President Tonjua Williams
State College- President Tommy Gregory
Tallahassee: President Jim Murdaugh
Valencia: President Kathleen Plinske

A quorum was present.

Council of Presidents Minutes

President Allbritten called for motion to approve Minutes of the Council of Presidents Business Meeting held January 9, 2025. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.**

Report of the Chair

President Allbritten welcomed members and thanked presidents and trustees for their participation and support with the Legislative Fly-In. Dr. Allbritten advised that Alston was selected as the Broward College President and thanked Dr. Donald Astrab for his service as the Interim President.

Dr. Allbritten asked for a liaison to support the reactivation of the Trustee's Commission. **President Ed Meadows volunteered to serve as liaison and work with Mr. Carvajal on this project.**

Policy and Advocacy Committee

President Lorenz convened the Policy and Advocacy Committee at 12:38 p.m. and thanked presidents, trustees, and TSG for their participation and assistance with the legislative fly-in. Dr. Lorenz and other presidents discussed positive meetings with legislative leaders around policy and funding proposals, including increased funding for the program funds, maintenance and repair, and other DOE grants and programs. Dr. Lorenz noted the request from Senate President Albritton for an update on workforce programs being added at colleges, and a discussion was held about programs of strategic interest. **A request was made of CWE to produce one-pagers on workforce programs of strategic interest.**

Mr. Carvajal presented options for the next legislative fly-in, likely in November 2025.

The Policy and Advocacy Committee meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Kathy Hebda congratulated presidents and trustees for strong legislative reception and fly-in; introduced new staff members- Government Affairs Liaison Soren Moody and FCS Foundation President Mandy Roden- and discussed upcoming events including State Board of Education meetings and the Commissioner's Summit (currently scheduled for June 4-5 at Miami Dade College).

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

Chancellor Kevin O'Farrell wished everyone a happy CTE month, introduced the Division's Director of Governmental and External Relations, Evan Steinberg, and reported on upcoming legislative presentations, workforce capitalization funds, programs of strategic interest, Perkins funding, and toolkits being developed to promote pathways and articulation.

A request was made of CSA to coordinate with AFC, the Student Success Center and the Chancellors, to prepare a training program or resources on best practices in recruitment, admissions, advisement, enrollment management, and transfer policies.

COP Committee and Workgroup Reports

Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

President Henningsen convened the FCS Risk Management Consortium meeting at 1:07 pm. Dr. Henningsen updated participants on the meeting held with COBA officers in St. Petersburg, and reviewed highlights of updates and proposed changes to the programs. Chauncey Fagler and Tony Ganstine presented the 2025-2026 Property/Casualty & Optional Programs Renewal information and the 2025-2026 Administration Budgets proposal, with discussion on the program's performance, exposures, premiums, assessments, required reserves, FEMA reimbursement strategies, and the program administration budget and staffing. Mr. Ganstine also reviewed the Property/Casualty Program 2022-2023 Audit and Management Letter by James Moore, as well as the 2022-2023 Audit Actuary letter. Mr. Ganstine discussed changes made to satisfy findings in prior actuary letter. Dr. Henningsen thanked President Broadie for overseeing the changes with the audit.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to ratify the 2025-2026 Property/Casualty/Optional Program Renewal and to ratify the 2025-2026 Property/Casualty and Administration Budget, as presented.

The FCS Risk Management Consortium meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Articulation Coordinating Committee

President Broadie advised that there was no report at this time.

Media and Public Relations Committee

President Falconetti thanked the chair and vice-chair for the legislative fly-in reception. Dr. Falconetti also thanked and acknowledged the work of the Moore Agency and particularly thanked Karen Moore for arranging the editorial board meeting with Florida Trend. Ms. Moore provided an update on proposed marketing and communications and encouraged colleges to continue sharing information.

COP Support Council Reports

Council of Instructional Affairs

Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth provided an update on Council activities and discussed upcoming presentations on innovations in course scheduling for student success, as well as a spring workshop on how to become a chief academic officer. Dr. Liao-Troth provided an update on the progress of the request made by the COP related to the categorization process for the US News and World Reports ranking tool and the challenges faced by institutions that are 2+2 systems.

Council of Student Affairs

Dr. Kathleen Karran McCoy thanked the COP for the discussion earlier in the meeting around best practices in recruitment, admissions, advisement, and enrollment management and acknowledged that the CSA would work on the COP's request for a program and resources to highlight best practices. Dr. Karran McCoy discussed ongoing initiatives the CSA was working on related to institutional "Points of Pride," mental health resources, and upcoming professional development.

Council For Workforce Education

Dr. Prashanth Pilly discussed the work being done around key workforce programs, which dovetailed well with the request made by COP earlier in the meeting. Dr. Pilly mentioned that CWE was developing a community of practitioners to support building out of workforce programs. Dr. Pilly also provided an update on the upcoming Joint Councils meeting and noted legislative issues being monitored.

Council of Business Affairs

President Hawkins referred the COP to the written report, noting in particular item 3 related to funding models scenarios.

Florida Council for Resource Development

Philip Dickey reported that the FCRD conference was being held at the end of the month at South Florida State College, that the bylaws for FCRD were being reviewed to possibly add additional Board members from the FCS Foundation and AFC, and noted that the newsletter included in the COP meeting packet highlighted approximately \$46 million in funds received over the past quarter, with only about half of the institutions reporting.

Report of the Florida College System Activities Association

Ms. Kelly Warren, Executive Director of the FCSAA, noted that the FCSAA report was in the packet and took time to note the Winter Music Symposium which was held despite the recent snowstorm. Ms. Warren also highlighted the SGA advocacy conference to be held next week.

Report of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC)

Dr. Mark Ross provided an update on the AFC Leadership Summit held in January and thanked the presidents for their ongoing support of the organization. Dr. Ross also shared that the AFC theme for the year was "Thriving Together: Empowering Student Success Through Community and AFC Support."

Tony Carvajal provided an update on the AFC office space and presidents lounge due to open next month, and also reviewed the status of reports on dual enrollment and the funding formula. Mr. Carvajal also noted that they were finalizing a grant to support an updated ROI study on the impact of state colleges.

Other Business

President Allbritten closed the meeting by thanking Dr. Donald Astrab for his service as interim president at Broward College. Dr. Astrab thanked the COP for the support and encouragement and announced that the Broward College trustees had unanimously selected Torey Alston as the next president.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Council of Presidents meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

*Prepared by: Katie Richardson and Tony Carvajal
Reviewed and respectfully submitted by Tony Carvajal*

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February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: William Hudson, Chair, Florida A&M University
Paul Broadie, Santa Fe College
Kathleen Ciez-Volz, Florida State College at Jacksonville
Sylvia Jackson, Gadsden County Public Schools
Brian Mann, Hillsborough Community College
Helen Wild, St. Lucie County Schools

I. Introduction

1. Welcome

Chair Hudson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., EDT, and welcomed members to the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) virtual meeting.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of November 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chair Hudson asked members if there were any changes to the meeting minutes being proposed; there were none. Chair Hudson then asked members if anyone would make a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Ciez-Volz and was seconded by Dr. Mann; the meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

2. Operating Procedures of the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC)

Chair Hudson recognized Mr. Shannon Mercer who provided a brief overview of changes to the draft operating procedures of the Articulation Coordinating Committee. The draft document provided to members contained additional changes to address member concerns, which included term limits for the Chair and Vice Chair, updates to statutory citations, and clarification that members and their terms are appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

Chair Hudson then asked members if anyone would make a motion to amend the draft Operating Procedures of the ACC to include a provision that the term limits include a stipulation that the Chair and Vice Chair could serve up to two terms for three years each.

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Broadie and was seconded by Dr. Wild; the agreements were approved by unanimous vote.

Chair Hudson then asked members if anyone would make a motion to approve the draft Operating Procedures of the ACC.

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Jackson and was seconded by Dr. Broadie; the agreements were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Updates/Discussion

Chair Hudson then recognized Mr. Shannon Mercer who provided an update on the institution review process for general education courses. In December 2024, the ACC submitted revised general education course lists for 2025-2026 to the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Board of Governors (BOG) for approval at their respective January meetings.

The SBOE approved the 2025-2026 general education course listings for all 28 Florida College System institutions and the BOG approved listings for all 12 state universities. Final lists will be distributed to institutions pending any technical changes.

Adjournment

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.



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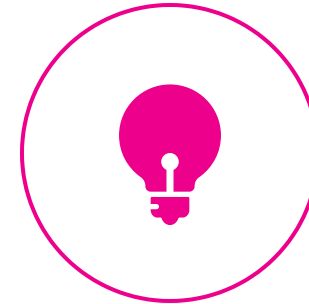
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February Activity Summary



Public Relations/Earned Media

- The "Why We Love the FCS" Campaign ran through February on social media platforms
- Feb. 12 Ed Dean Radio Interview
- March 11 Greg Tish Radio Interview



Public Affairs

- Feb. 16 News-Press Opinion Editorial on the FCS
- Feb. 17 Opinion Editorial featured in Florida Politics' Sun Burn newsletter

Understanding Social Media Statistics



Impressions

The number of times someone saw our post.

A new impression is counted even if the post was seen multiple times by the same user.



Reach

The number of times a new user sees the content.

A great way to track how many people are viewing the content over time.



Engagements

A user saw the post and then took action.

Engagement shows that not only are people seeing the content, but also want to engage with the page.

February Social Media Statistics

In February, the COP Facebook account gained 11 new followers and visits to the page were up 62%



Impressions

Increase of **244%** from last
3-second views were up 2.1k%
One-minute views were up 1k%



Reach

Increase of **292%**
Videos continue to be the most popular content.

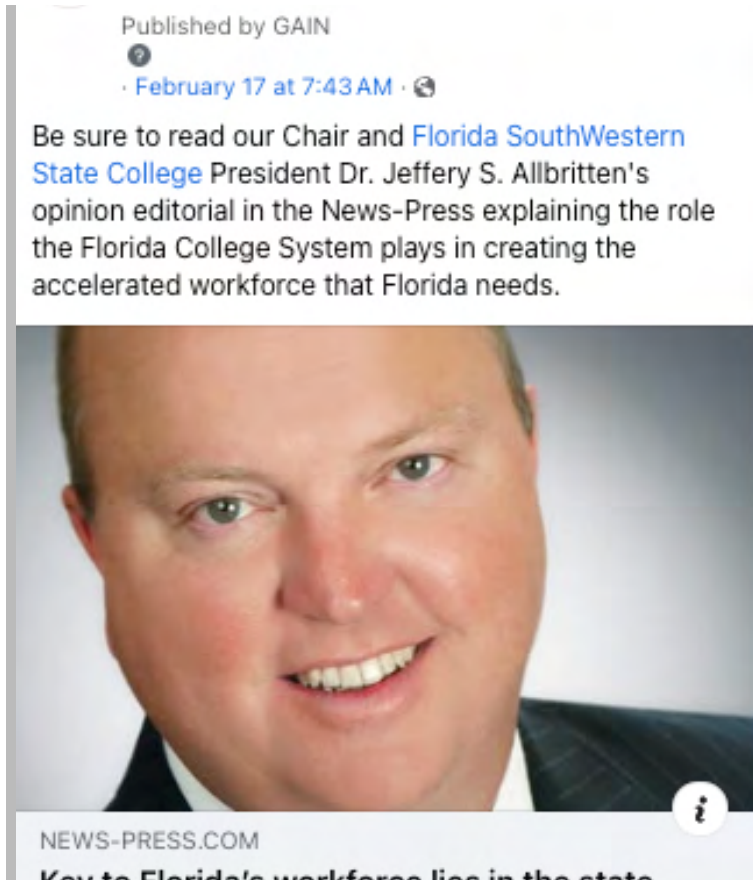


Engagements

Increase of **400%**
Cities With Top Engagement

- Tallahassee
- Panama City
- Gainesville
- Jacksonville
- Tampa

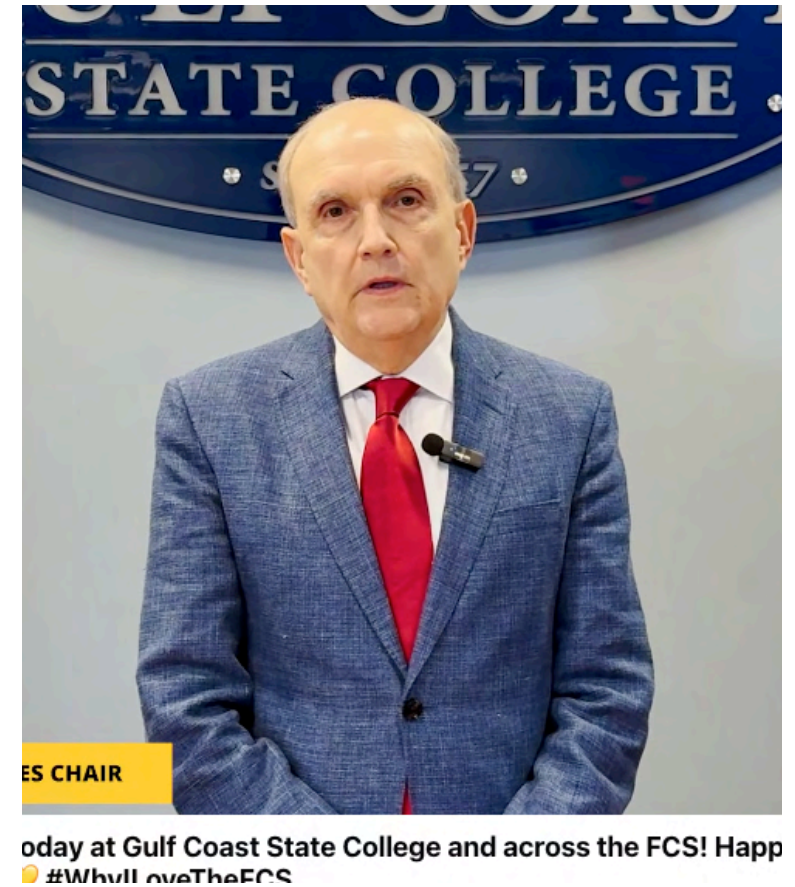
February Highlights



FCS Opinion Editorial

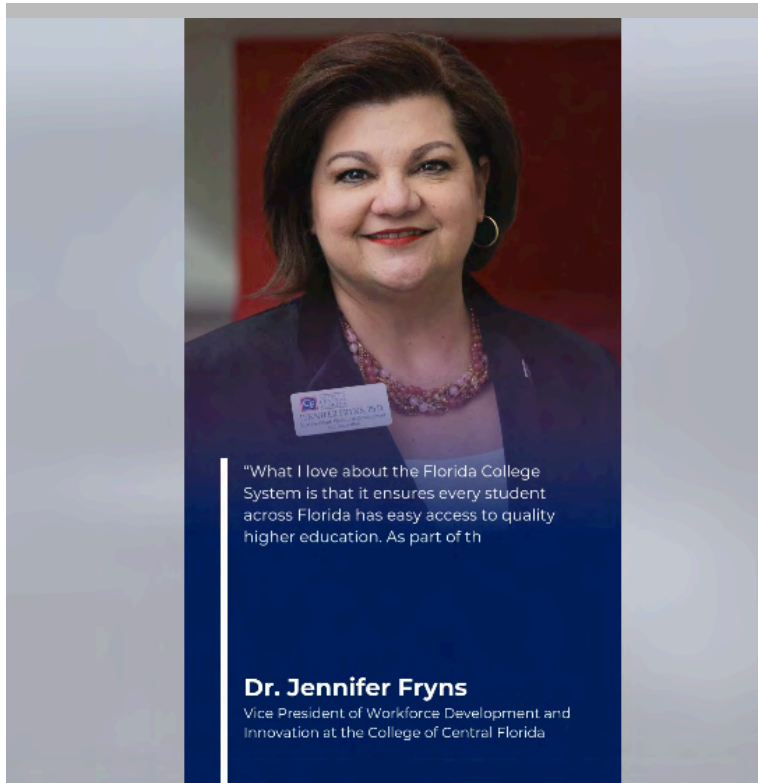


Valencia College at the Capitol



Gulf Coast State College Trustee
Shares His Love of The FCS

February Highlights



Fryns of College of Central Florida shares #WhyILoveTheFCS ★

College of Central Florida Loves the FCS



Seminole State College at the Capitol



Palm Beach State College Loves the FCS

February Highlights

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Published by GAIN
February 6 at 8:30 AM · 🌐
President of Polk State College, shares #WhyILoveTheFCS 🇺🇸



Polk State College Loves the FCS

Published by GAIN
February 6 at 9:01 AM · 🌐
Why does Eastern Florida State College love the FCS? Listen as students and Dr. Michael Cadore share why 🌟 #WhyILoveTheFCS



Eastern Florida State College Loves the FCS

Florida College System Council of Presidents
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February 6 at 12:01 PM · 🌐
Pensacola State College President Ed Meadows and Trustees joined the Council of Presidents at the Capitol this week to meet with legislators on the value of the Florida College System. While at the Capitol they had the opportunity to hear from House and Senate leadership in the Senate Chambers. 🇺🇸 #HigherEducation



Pensacola State College at the Capitol

February Highlights

Florida College System Council of Presidents
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February 25 at 2:10 PM · 🌐

St. Petersburg College's Dr. Liao-Troth shares #WhyILoveTheFCS 🍷




Hi, I'm Doctor Matthew, vice president of academic affairs
Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth
VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

St. Petersburg College

St. Petersburg College Loves the FCS

Florida College System Council of Presidents
Published by GAIN
February 25 at 11:01 AM · 🌐

Congratulations to **Miami Dade College** for being designated a Collegiate Purple Star Campus. This honor is given to colleges that demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting military students. #FloridaSuccess






REPORTER.COM
Designated As A Collegiate Purple Star Campus
Recently, the Florida Department of Education tabbed Miami Dade College as one of the top 100 military-friendly colleges in the nation.

Miami Dade College is a Purple Star Campus

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February 24 at 12:24 PM · 🌐

ICYMI: Pasco-Hernando State College recently celebrated the opening of their renovated welding center. #FloridaSuccess



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Pasco-Hernando State College
February 14 at 10:13 AM · 🌐

Pasco-Hernando State College Opens New Welding Center

FCS Month Toolkit

To be used by colleges to promote FCS Month in April. Includes sample letters to the editor, newsletter copy, social media content, images, and an animated video.



Our Guide To Promoting
Florida College System Month

2025



Downloadable Assets

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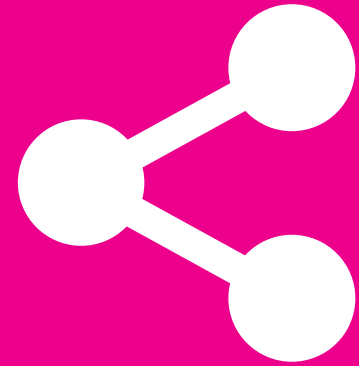
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(formerly known as Twitter).





Council of Presidents Update

March 2025

The Council of Instructional Affairs met at the Joint Councils Meeting in February, after the general session. Reports were shared by the FCSAA and LRSC representatives, the Council reviewed proposed changes to the Bylaws for revision at the June meeting, and a panel presentation on “scheduling and modality impacts on student success” was very engaging for the Council as a whole.

The Council of Instructional Affairs Steering Committee has met once since the February Council of Presidents meeting. We focused on the topics listed below:

- Review of the February Joint Council Meeting
- Planning a spring workshop roundtable by CAOs for those in CIA interested in being a CAO in the future
- Planning for the Joint Council Meeting and Agenda Items for June Meeting, including the bylaw changes, a workshop for new CAOs, and a presentation on tools to improve academic scheduling

We also facilitate conversation topics and emergent issues for Executive Vice Chancellor Humphrey and the Chief Academic Officers at our monthly calls.

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Liao-Troth
Council of Instructional Affairs Chair



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**13 FEBRUARY 2025
STARTS AT 2PM**



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13 FEBRUARY 2025

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction of new members
- Business Meeting
- Panel Presentation
- Next Meeting Info



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- Adjournment:
 - Next Meeting: 4-6 June



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Florida College System Activities Association

- Academic Division
 - Brain Bowl
 - Forensics
 - FCS Student Government Association
 - Music
 - Publications
 - Theatre
 - Model UN
- Athletics Division



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Learning Resources Standing Committee

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Welcome New LRSC Member

Windy Gamble
*New Director of Learning
Resources*
North Florida College



Library impact report

2024-25

The intent of this group, is to find effective ways of capturing data from our institutions that demonstrate our value, ROI, and contribution towards student success, retention etc. Potential outputs will include an impact report/ executive summary and/or data dashboard(s) as a metric our college libraries can leverage when advocating value and impact of the library.

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Workgroup Members

Matthew Bodie	St. Petersburg College
Ingrid Purrenhage	Pasco Hernando State College
Nance Lempinen-Leedy	Santa Fe College
Morgan Tracy	Seminole State
Diann Smothers	Hillsborough Community College
Royce Bass	St. Johns River State College
Sila Lott	Tallahassee State College
Susan Mythen	Florida State College at Jacksonville
Meg Hawkins	State College of Florida

Tangibles:

- Data Dashboard
- Executive Summary Trends for the Dashboard – 1-2-page summary

Additionally, the executive summary will discuss recommendations for libraries as 21st century spaces



SHOW AND TELLS

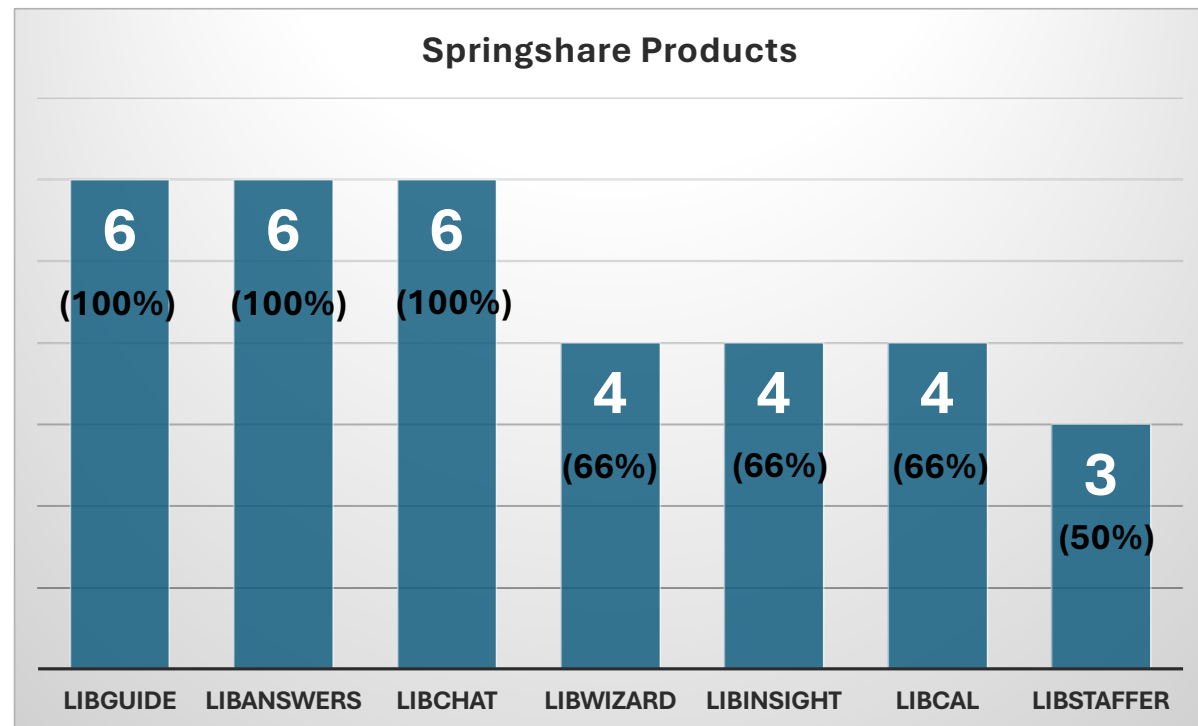
- **10/4** Preliminary Meeting
- **10/25** Show and Tell I: (Sila Lott, Morgan Tracy, Dianne Smothers, Nance Lempinen-Leedy, Ingrid Purrenhage): [Recording LINK](#)
- **11/13** Show and Tell II: (Matthew Bodie, Royce Bass, Susan Mythen) [Recording LINK](#)
- **Show and Tell III**: (Meg Hawkins) *Forthcoming*
- **Notes**: [LRSC IR Workgroup Meetings](#)

SPRINGSHARE SURVEY RESULTS

- 6/9 (66% response rate) of the LRSC IR Workgroup Members Completed the Survey

Does your library use one or more Springshare products?

6/6 (100%)
Yes



SPRINGSHARE SURVEY RESULTS

What is your favorite product/s and what do you use it for

Love **LibAnswers** for an easy way to create a changing FAQ, love libGuides for the versatility

LibInsight - for data collection and analysis

As the director, I value **LibStaffer** and **LibInsight** for my administrative tasks. From a student and librarian view, I would think that **LibAnswers/Chat** and **LibCal** have the most value.

LibAnswers/RefAnalytics

LibGuides by far, but we couldn't live without **LibStaffer**. We use LibStaffer for part-employees, faculty tutors, and keeping track of our student athletes study hall hours.

LibAnswers & LibGuide - Extended hours reference help/off-site reference help, research guides, campus library information/website, tutorials

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LibApp	Frequency Count
LibAnswers	X 4
LibInsight	X 2
LibStaffer	X 2
LibGuides	X 2
LibCal	X 1

Anything else you would like to share?

LibCal is my second favorite. I wish LibWizard had more robust analysis. And I wish LibApps let you share LibInsight links publicly or let non Libapps account fill out their forms.

Love Springshare - wish I could use it for our library home page, but our IT dept won't allow it.

I am curious what Patron Point is

Also discussed

- Learning Resources Commission
- LRSC Meeting Schedule – Dinners before CIA
- CIA Updates

NEXT MEETING

3/20

9:30am-11am

- In-Person (UF)
- Online (Zoom)



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**Panel Presentation:
Schedule and Modality Impacts
on Student Success**

- Djuan Fox, Associate Dean for Academic Services, Downtown and Midtown Centers, St. Petersburg College (Fox.Djuan@SPCollege.edu)
- Jyrece McClendon, Dean, Academic Affairs, Palm Beach State College (McClendJ@PalmBeachState.edu)
- Dr. Heather Belmont, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer, Indian River State College (HBelmont@IRSC.edu)



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Next Meeting

- June 4th – 6th (Wednesday to Friday)
 - Hutchinson Shores Spa and Resort, Jensen Beach, FL
 - Nominations and elections for next year's steering committee: Chair Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, FCSAA liaison, and Small/Medium/Large College representatives

Thank you all!

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Kathleen Plinske,
Council of Presidents, Presidential Liaison

FROM: Dr. Kathy Karran-McCoy, Chair, Council of Student Affairs
Dr. Jan Lloyd-Lesley, Co-Chair, Council of Student Affairs

DATE: March 11, 2025

RE: Council of Student Affairs Report

There was great participation from new and seasoned student affairs professionals at the *virtual* Joint Councils conference in February. Attendees engaged and shared best practices and feedback to questions about on campus housing, athletic funding, Stop Hazing Act, Perkins grants and other federal grants. Attendees will be able to return to their institutions with renewed energy, innovative ideas, and a broader perspective on how to support and enrich the student experience.

CSA membership continues to meet to track progress toward the following goals for the year:

1. **Points of Pride:** Continuing to capture best practices supporting overall enrollment growth from all state institutions.
2. **Mental Health Services:** a survey was developed and will be sent to the CSA membership in early March to gather information on how mental health services are implemented on campuses.
3. **FASTER Platform Review:** Based on recent feedback at the recent Joint Councils meeting, it was noted that this system was updated in December. No further action.

Based on comments from the January Council of Presidents meeting, CSA is looking forward to partnering with AFC on the initiative to support effective practices in the disciplines of recruitment, advising and admissions.

CSA will be hosting the June conference in Hutchinson Island. Dr. Amelia Parnell, President of NASPA was secured as our keynote speaker. Registration for the conference is open.



Council of Presidents Update

March 2025

- 1) The Joint Councils convened virtually on February 13, with 280 participants in attendance. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Albritten. Updates from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) were provided by Chancellor Hebda and Chancellor O'Farrell, followed by insights from additional FLDOE staff. Director Johnston, CEO of CareerSource Florida, delivered the keynote address. Discussions throughout the day centered on the Master Credential List, highlighting key developments and strategic considerations.
- 2) The CWE Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee has commenced focusing on the upcoming legislative session. A key area of interest is Senate Bill 742 (SB 742), which proposes expanding the number of workforce programs eligible for the Money-Back Guarantee initiative from three to six.
- 3) The Joint Councils Chairs met February 21 to prepare for the June Joint Councils meeting, which will be held in person.
- 4) The CWE Steering Committee was tasked by the Council of Presidents (COP) to develop a **Strategic Initiative for Workforce** which includes one-page summaries on key workforce areas identified by college presidents for expansion over the next two to three years. These areas include **Technology, Aviation/Aerospace/Automotive, Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing & Construction, and Education**. Each summary should provide an overview of the field, related industries, and jobs, and, if available, supporting data on workforce demand. Highlighting examples from diverse colleges (large, small, rural, urban) will showcase statewide impact. The documents should be accessible to a general audience, and marketing departments can assist with visuals. The CWE Steering Committee has started work on this project and will present it to COP during the April COP meeting.
- 5) All 28 FSC institutions received a survey link from Vic-Chancellor Tara Goodman to cure credential sequencing for those programs and industry certificates on the Master Credentials List (MCL) removal list. CWE sent this link to all 28 voting members.

Submitted by CWE Co-Chairs
Prashanth Pilly and Alexia Rolle
March 3, 2025



Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

March 11, 2025

Information Item: Forensics Division

The Forensics Division held their FCSAA state championship tournament February 7-8 on Zoom. Tallahassee State College captured the number one spot once again, with five colleges participating. Below are the overall results; the full results of the tournament are included at the end of this report.

FCSAA Forensics Division State Advisor is Dr. William Murphy, Miami Dade College.

2025 FCSAA Forensics Overall Tournament Results

1st Place	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Miami Dade College
3rd Place	Northwest Florida State College
4th Place	Polk State College
5th Place	St. Petersburg College

Information Item: Brain Bowl Division

The Brain Bowl division held their FCSAA regional tournaments February 7-8, hosted by Valencia College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and Chipola College. Congratulations to those teams moving on to the state championship tournament, noted below, scheduled for March 28-29 at Valencia College.

FCSAA Brain Bowl Division State Advisors are Dr. Asha Brunings, Santa Fe College, and Chris Borglum, Valencia College.

Region	Champion	Runner-Up
East Central	Santa Fe College A Team	Santa Fe College B Team
Panhandle	Chipola College	Tallahassee State College A Team
South/West	Valencia College	Indian River State College

Wildcard Qualifier	College of Central Florida
Wildcard Qualifier	Florida State College at Jacksonville A Team
Wildcard Qualifier	Northwest Florida State College
Wildcard Qualifier	Pensacola State College

Information Item: Student Government Division

The Student Government Division held their Advocacy Conference in Tallahassee February 11-12 at Tallahassee State College and the state capital. We had 20 colleges and 290 students and advisors in attendance. Special thanks to our host Tallahassee State College, and to Candice Grause (TSC) and Lacey Hofmeyer (Southern Group) for conducting a panel discussion and question and answer session with the students during the opening session.

Our thanks to the entire Student Government state executive board for all their work on this conference. This is one of the more challenging SGA conferences to work through as the students are voting on legislative bills that align with their platform, and those bills often are not filed until right before, and sometimes even during, the conference. FCSSGA's Official Statement of Position is included the end of this report. The division's next conference is April 4-5 at the College of Central Florida; this final student conference of year includes educational leadership sessions and 2025-2026 state board campaigning and elections.

SGA Division State Advisors are Meagan Dickson, Seminole State College, and Kara Pineiro, Florida State College at Jacksonville; SGA Student State President is Matthew Oliver, St. Petersburg College.

Information Item: Athletics Updates

FCSAA Associate Director Rob Chaney will present Division 2 Men's and Women's Basketball updates at the March 11 COP meeting.

Information Item: Upcoming Spring Programs

March 12-15	FCSAA State DI Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments, NWFSC
March 28-29	FCSAA State Brain Bowl Tournament, Valencia College, Winter Park Campus
April 4-5	FCSSGA Year End Conference/Elections, College of Central Florida
April 14-15	FCSAA State DI Women's Golf Tournament, Duran Golf Club, Viera
April 17-18	NJCAA Region 8 Tennis Tournament, Hillsborough Community College
April 17-19	FCSAA State Beach Volleyball Tournament, UMR Sports, Bradenton
April 21-22	NJCAA District DI Men's Golf Tournament, Shelton State CC, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
April 26	FCSAA State Women's Flag Football Tournament, Florida Gateway College
May 1-4	FCSAA State DII Softball Tournament, Location TBA
May 1-4	FCSAA State DII Baseball Tournament, Location TBA
May 2-5	FCSAA State DI Baseball Tournament Regionals, Locations TBA
May 7-10	FCSAA State DI Softball Tournament, Clearwater
May 9-12	FCSAA State DI Baseball Tournament Finals, Port Charlotte
May 21	Spring FCSAA Executive Committee Meeting, Valencia College
June 4-5	Spring Council for Athletic Affairs Meeting, Daytona State College
June 17-19	FCSSGA Summer Advisors' Workshop, Location TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Warren, FCSAA Executive Director



The Florida College System Activities Association - Student Government Division:

The Florida College System Student Government Association

Official Statement of Position

2024-2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA) represents over 600,000 students at 28 colleges comprised of 72 campuses statewide. The following legislative platform planks were selected by the FCSSGA Executive Board and approved at the FCSSGA State Presidents' Assembly on September 13, 2024. The positions under the planks were decided by a majority vote of voting delegates during a statewide vote on February 11, 2025, during the February Advocacy Conference.

1. *College Affordability and Funding for Florida College System*

FCSSGA supports SB 270 – Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

FCSSGA supports SB 336 – Educational Dollars for Duty

FCSSGA supports SB 360 – Residence Status for Tuition Purposes

2. *Privacy, Safety, and Security*

FCSSGA has not indicated any bills that fall under this plank at this time.

3. *Increase Florida College System Learning Opportunities and Quality of Life*

FCSSGA has not indicated any bills that fall under this plank at this time.

4. *Social Issues*

FCSSGA does not support SB 244 – Post Secondary Education

5. *Academic Needs*

FCSSGA has not indicated any bills that fall under this plank at this time.

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2025 FCSAA Forensics Tournament Results

Team Sweepstakes

1st Place		Tallahassee State College
2nd Place		Miami Dade College
3rd Place		Northwest Florida State College
4th Place		Polk State College
5th Place		St. Petersburg College

Individual Sweepstakes

1st Place		Tallahassee State College
2nd Place		Miami Dade College
3rd Place		Northwest Florida State College
4th Place		Polk State College
5th Place		St. Petersburg College

Debate Team Sweepstakes

1st Place		Tallahassee State College
2nd Place		Miami Dade College
3rd Place		Northwest Florida State College

Jennifer Pickman Novice Award: Trevor Waller and Natalie Gordon, Tallahassee State College

Shira Brownstein Fellowship Award: Claudia Gomez, Miami Dade College

FCSAA State Tournament Coach of the Year: Elizabeth Blair, Tallahassee State College

After Dinner Speaking

1st Place	David Blair	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Molly Duggan	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College

Communication Analysis

1st Place	Olivia Shull	Tallahassee State College
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2nd Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College
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Dramatic Interpretation

1st Place	Natalie Gordon	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Olivia Shull	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
4th Place	David Blair	Tallahassee State College
5th Place	Evan Peterson	Tallahassee State College

Duo Interpretation

1st Place	Evan Peterson and Grace Hartman	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Olivia Shull and Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Trevor Waller and David Blair	Tallahassee State College

Extemporaneous Speaking

1st Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College
4th Place	Claudia Gomez	Miami Dade College
5th Place	Susanna Li	Miami Dade College
6th Place	David Blair	Tallahassee State College

Impromptu Speaking

1st Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Claudia Gomez	Miami Dade College
4th Place	Kaden Quinn	St. Petersburg College
5th Place	Susanna Li	Miami Dade College
6th Place	Jack O'Mally	Tallahassee State College

Informative Speaking

1st Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Molly Duggan	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Hannah McKlosky	Northwest Florida State College
4th Place	Melanie Sabillon	Northwest Florida State College
5th Place	Lily Howland	Northwest Florida State College
6th Place	Kaden Quinn	St. Petersburg College

Open IPDA

1st Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College
1st Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Claudia Gomez	Miami Dade College
4th Place	Mason Porter	Northwest Florida State College

Open IPDA Speakers

1st Place	Claudia Gomez	Miami Dade College
2nd Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Mason Porter	Northwest Florida State College
4th Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
5th Place	Cole Wee	Northwest Florida State College
6th Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College

Parliamentary Debate

1st Place	Claudia Gomez and Susanna Li	Miami Dade College
2nd Place	Olivia Shull and Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Jack O'Malley and Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College

Parliamentary Debate Speakers

1st Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Claudia Gomez	Miami Dade College

3rd Place	Olivia Shull	Tallahassee State College
4th Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
5th Place	Susanna Li	Miami Dade College
6th Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College

Persuasive Speaking

1st Place	Mason Porter	Northwest Florida State College
2nd Place	Witskerbial Louis-Marc	Polk State College
3rd Place	Jack O'Malley	Tallahassee State College

Poetry Interpretation

1st Place	Natalie Gordon	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Grace Hartman	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Iyatunde Awolowo	Tallahassee State College

Program Oral Interpretation

1st Place	Natalie Gordon	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	Olivia Shull	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Molly Duggan	Tallahassee State College
4th Place	Delaney George	Tallahassee State College

Prose Interpretation

1st Place	Trevor Waller	Tallahassee State College
2nd Place	David Blair	Tallahassee State College
3rd Place	Jackson Chmielewski	Tallahassee State College
4th Place	Molly Duggan	Tallahassee State College
5th Place	Natalie Gordon	Tallahassee State College

Reader's Theater: "Mint Julep," with Alejandro Uribe, Christian Valderrama, Joshua Deza, Samantha Jimenez, Jennifer Cerrato, and Nina Minaya from ***Miami Dade College***