

Council of Presidents
Florida Council for Resource Development
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Key Activities & Progress

- **Conference closeout and planning:** Spring Conference vendor expenses were finalized; sponsors indicated interest in returning for the 2027 Spring Conference.
- **Statewide policy and leadership updates:** The Board reviewed items discussed in statewide leadership forums, including articulation topics, workforce-related funding and policy developments, and planning tied to America's 250th anniversary.
- **Grant collaboration across colleges:** Institutions continue coordinating on multi-college grant opportunities and planning topics; a Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) consortium is active with broad participation and upcoming coordination with system leadership.
- **Organizational operations:** An updated financial report will be distributed to Board members; the Board is also creating an itemized conference expense history to support future host planning.

Board Committee Discussions

- **Grants:** A multi-college grants call included 17 colleges and covered SCC coordination and additional federal opportunity areas (e.g., HRSA, Talent Search, EOC), along with planning topics such as forecasting.
- **Foundation:** Members discussed approaches to increase alumni engagement and scheduled follow-up work related to athletic fundraising collaboration.
- **Communications:** The statewide directory update is underway; social media platform management will transition; the next newsletter issue is in development for May 2026 distribution.
- **Conference:** The committee confirmed an approach for sharing presentation materials with registered attendees (who may share internally with colleagues unable to attend).
- **Website:** The Board discussed resourcing for an initial website refresh using agreed criteria and establishing a sustainable process for ongoing updates.