

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Palatka, Florida

Budget Workshop
April 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Mary Ellen Hancock, St. Johns Co., Chairperson
Mr. Wendell Davis, Clay County, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Denise M. Bramlitt, Putnam County
Mr. Ronald Coleman, Clay County
Mr. Brian Keith, Putnam County
Ms. Marlene Lagassé, Putnam County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Col. (R) Mickey Duren, St. Johns County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe H. Pickens, J.D., Executive Secretary
Mr. Ron Brown, Attorney for the Board

The Workshop was held in the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, Suites C & D, Orange Park Campus and began at 2:00 p.m.

Chairperson Hancock opened the workshop and recognized Dr. Lynn Powers, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO. Dr. Powers overviewed the internal FY 17-18 budget and the Legislative timelines.

Dr. Powers discussed the proposed cuts to the Florida College System from the Senate: industry certifications \$10M, performance funding \$30M, and developmental education \$55M. However, there is a specific appropriation of \$5M for Flo-Arts at the Palatka Campus. No tuition increases are accounted. There is \$500K funding for workforce programs in Putnam and Clay Counties.

Dr. Powers discussed the proposed cuts from the House: non-recurring use of reserves \$62.7M system-wide; recurring reduction of \$9.9M of Foundation support; and Aspen and Distinguished College awards of \$4.4M. No tuition increases are accounted. There is \$500K funding for workforce programs in Putnam and Clay Counties. President Pickens spoke in regards to the cuts.

Next, Dr. Powers discussed the potential negative effects on SJR State if the proposed cuts are done.

Dr. Powers discussed the preliminary revenue outlook and compared it to the current budget. She discussed the preliminary expenditure outlook and compared it to the current budget.

Dr. Powers highlighted the priority initiatives, which include Student Success initiatives, maintain current full-time staffing levels, and maintain current benefits. She discussed potential initiatives including video classroom technology, new Workforce programs, use of reserves for revenue shortfalls, and use of reserves for various capital needs.

Dr. Powers discussed the potential to increase tuition but decrease the capital improvement fee. This would have no net effect on students, but would generate more operating revenue. President Pickens has asked Jack Hall to research the philosophy of the Governor's Office regarding this and will report back. Dr. Powers presented tuition and fee scenarios with a \$2.00 and a \$4.00 change in the Capital Improvement Fee.

President Pickens explained the scenario if the Legislature does not pass the budget by the scheduled end of session on May 5. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lagassé moved to adjourn and Mr. Keith seconded the motion. Motion carried (Bramlitt, Coleman, Davis, Hancock, Keith, Lagassé — Yes) and Chairperson Hancock adjourned the workshop at 3:10 p.m.