

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

Budget Workshop
May 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Mary Ellen Hancock, St. Johns Co., Chairperson
Mr. Wendell Davis, Clay County, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Denise M. Bramlitt, Putnam County
Col. (R) Mickey Duren, St. Johns County
Mr. Samuel Garrison, Clay County
Mr. Brian Keith, Putnam County
Ms. Marlene Lagassé, Putnam County

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was held in the Criminal Justice Multipurpose Room J-149, St. Augustine Campus.

Chairperson Hancock opened the workshop and recognized Dr. Lynn Powers, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO. Dr. Powers overviewed general operating fund revenues. She overviewed the general expenditures for the operating fund, full-time positions, personnel comparisons, functional distribution of expenses, operating budget framework, and operating fund reserves.

President Pickens stated a Budget Advisory Council was formed this year. He reported on the meeting held yesterday. Discussion followed regarding giving a 2% across-the-board reoccurring raise to all full-time employees.

Dr. Powers overviewed grants and restricted funds, auxiliary fund, capital projects, and the plant/capital project fund.

President Pickens reported that, as requested, the Executive Office of the Governor was queried about a possible reduction in Capital improvement fee of \$4.25 per credit hour and a corresponding \$3.95 increase in tuition resulting in a net decrease in overall student tuition and fees by \$.30 per credit hour but generating additional operating dollars at the expense of reduced capital outlay dollars. Governor's office staff did not look favorably on such a swap. Subsequently, in telephone conversations with the same staff person(s), Chair Hancock reported that the Governor's office staff also expressed concern over the \$2.00 increase in the capital improvement fee that occurred last year and that, based upon the expressed concerns, she was asking the Board to consider revisiting that increase and rescinding it. President Pickens concurred with Chair Hancock's suggestion. A discussion ensued among the Board members and a consensus was reached to place on the June agenda consideration of rescinding the \$2.00 capital improvement fee increase from last year.

Ms. Lagassé moved to adjourn and Mr. Keith seconded the motion. Motion carried (Bramlitt, Davis, Duren, Garrison, Hancock, Keith, Lagassé — Yes) and Chairperson Hancock adjourned the workshop at 3:20 p.m.