MINUTES: April 16, 2015

RETREAT: Daytona State College
District Board of Trustees

PLACE: Daytona State College
Daytona Beach Campus
Conference Center, Building 640
1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.
Daytona Beach, Florida

PRESENT:
Dr. Thomas LoBasso, Corporate Secretary/Interim President
Mr. Lloyd Freckleton, Chair
Mrs. Forough Hosseini, Vice Chair
Mr. Bob Davis
Mr. Stanley Escudero
Mr. Brad Giles
Mrs. Mary Ann Haas
Mrs. Betty Holness
Mr. Garry Lubi
Mrs. Anne Patterson

Board Retreat began 1:03 p.m.
Mr. Freckleton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Athletic Program Expansions
Dr. LoBasso explained the idea of expanding the athletic program at the College which currently has six teams with a total of 103 athletes. The athletic program emphasizes success as a student first, and success as an athlete second. He reviewed recent student academic and athletic successes; 2013-2014 Falcon report card; programs’ cumulative GPA, graduation rate and transfer rate, and the vision to expand the program. He shared current athletic offerings and team expansion possibilities and the number of student participants needed for each area. He reviewed the intangible return on investment and other potential returns. Discussion ensued on the idea of football as a program option. He reviewed the performance funding criteria for First Time in College (FTIC) and how athletes compared to transitional students. Dr. LoBasso will gather additional information to present to the Board and indicated the expansion would be done in phases. Mr. Lubi suggested a revenue and expense analysis be done.

City of Edgewater Trail Connection Proposal
Distributed proposed multi-use trail map. Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental A: 4/16/15-Retreat.

Dr. LoBasso explained the City of Edgewater has approached the College about providing easements for a biking/walking trail that is part of a grant proposal. The trail would use the boundary of property on the New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater Campus and he agreed conceptually but indicated this would be contingent upon Board approval. Discussed liability, usage, fencing, safety, expense, and access. It was suggested that
Board approval be pending on the outcome of the grant and then discussions can begin.

Master Site Plan
Mr. Shawn Bliss, Prosser, Inc. introduced team members in attendance. Mr. Bliss reviewed the master planning process which begins with initiation of the project, then assessment and conceptual planning which is the most important part of the process, followed by calibration, completion of a draft plan and then the presentation of a finalized master plan. Discussed the inclusion of the regional sites in the master plan and will focus on the Daytona Beach Campus first. Discussed the vision for the College which included planning for campus expansions, building locations, current and future programs, area considerations, workforce, and transportation.

Adjourned for a brief break.

Discussion continued on the scope of services for the development of the Master Site Plan which included meetings/presentations for the Board, student engagement, an open house to share conceptual plan, interview process, and outreach. There was consensus of the Board that the main focus be on the Daytona Beach Campus first, and address the other sites once this has been completed. Mr. Bliss indicated they would assess all locations to build concepts for the Daytona location. Discussed computer visualization which is quite expensive and felt this was not necessary at this time. The sequence of building additions/deletions would be incorporated into the plan. Discussed the inclusion of the property owned on the east side of the campus in the Master Site Plan, options for this area and zoning.

Adjourned for a brief break.

Legislative Update
Mr. Jerry McDaniel, Southern Strategy, joined the meeting via phone and provided an update on the legislative session with regards to the budget. He reviewed progress in the House and Senate for the three legislative priorities of the College which are the new classroom/student services/workforce transition building, online learning, and construction trades certificate program. He reviewed the performance incentive and compression funding and how this would be funded. He gave an update on Senate Bill 1252 which included renaming of Florida colleges and an enrollment cap on baccalaureate degrees; and Senate Bill 176 which would allow carrying a weapon on a college or university campus. Discussed the extension of the session, appointment of conference committee members and approval of the budget by July 1. Dr. LoBasso provided an update on the work by the Council of Presidents to negotiate points in Senate Bill 1252.

Performance Metrics
Distributed Commissioners Recommended Performance Funding Model Measures with Refreshed Data – April 10, 2015 and April 14, 2015 Draft. Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental B: 4/16/15-Retreat.

Dr. LoBasso reviewed the performance model measures data from the April 10, 2015 report which showed the College in 20th place. If funding was similar to the university
system only those in the bottom 25% would lose funding and the College would not be affected. He then shared data that was revised a few days later and the College ranked 22nd, which is in the bottom 25% percent, which would impact the College. He stated staff is making inquiries with the state to find out what has changed in four days and how the target is always moving.

_Distributed The Florida College System Retention Rates April 14, 2015. Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental C: 4/16/15-Retreat._ Dr. LoBasso explained the retention rates document explains how each of the measures is defined. He shared the College is continuing to focus its efforts on retention and graduation. There would be a funding impact to the College if it was in the bottom 25% which could amount to a loss of $1.6 million, which is in addition to the compression issue that is around $5 million. He shared of the work by him and Mrs. Hosseini with the legislature to educate them on the compression issue and discussion ensued on this topic.

_Energy Savings_  
_Distributed Valencia News April 22, 2014 article. Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental D: 4/16/15-Retreat._ Dr. LoBasso shared of Valencia College’s energy conservation program and suggested the development of a comprehensive energy savings plan for the College and the Board concurred. Mr. Giles shared there were a lot of opportunities in this area and shared information on this topic.

_Board Meeting Schedule/Workshops_  
_Distributed draft Board Meeting/Retreat 2015/2016 schedule. Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental E: 4/16/15-Retreat._ Dr. LoBasso presented the 2015/2016 draft meeting schedule for review and noted the location of the August meeting at the New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater Campus.

_Presidential Search Committee Update_  
Mr. Freckleton asked Mrs. Hosseini to give an update on the search process. Dr. LoBasso excused himself for this part of the meeting. Mrs. Hosseini explained an RFP for a search firm was developed and issued; a subset of the Committee will review responses and determine those firms that should be invited to interview and present to the Committee. The Committee would then determine the top firm that would be presented to the Board for approval. She commented on the favorable feedback on Dr. LoBasso by the College community during the listening sessions. Board members shared thoughts on the search, the positive experiences they have had with Dr. LoBasso, and how impressed they were by his performance. Mrs. Hosseini confirmed that a search firm has not been selected yet and explained the Board may suspend the search process at any point if they so desire. Mr. Freckleton appreciated the update on the process and thanked the Board members for attending the retreat.

_Board Retreat adjourned at 5:44 p.m._