

NOTES
USF Consolidation Task Force
Task Force Call
June 29, 2018

Present: Dr. Jonathan Ellen, Chair; Alison Barlow, Anddrikk Frazier, Dr. Judy Genshaft, Michael Griffin, Dr. Karen Holbrook, Melissa Seixas, Rick Piccolo, Kayla Rykiel, Dr. Martin Tadlock, Nicole Washington

I. Call to Order and Comments

Chair Jonathan Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

II. New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of May 30, 2018 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the Meeting Notes from May 30, 2018. Notes approved unanimously.

III. New Business – Information Items

Chair Ellen noted that the goal is to start synthesizing and summarizing information from subcommittees.

a. Subcommittee Updates

Anddrikk Frazier provided an overview of the first Student Access Subcommittee hearing, noting the goal was to understand the student process from pre-application to graduation. Both internal and external experts presented information regarding the various aspects of this process. Without reviewing specific slides as presented, Mr. Frazier highlighted a few takeaways from the hearing. He stated the USF System has many existing successful programs, however we need to find ways to broaden access to those programs. Additionally, Mr. Fraizer noted another takeaway was telling our story and making sure that it is disseminated throughout our communities especially within the high school systems. The final takeaway was the availability of courses throughout the USF System to enhance access to academics.

Mike Griffin noted that the Student Success/Academic Programs/Campus Identity Subcommittee's first hearing is July 9 in Tampa. The members have been working to develop building blocks to understand the SACS Accreditation processes and requirements, particularly around new degree programs and changes in degree programs. The Florida BOG will present their regulations regarding academic programs. Academic officer representation from each campus will add to the overall conversation regarding internal processes. Future hearings will delve further into labor and workforce issues and other related issues.

Melissa Seixas shared that the Shared Governance/Transparency Committee held a meeting via phone on June 14th to discuss the upcoming hearing. Ms. Seixas was able to attend the first Access Subcommittee hearing, which was helpful as to how to structure subcommittee meetings moving forward. The subcommittee has worked on building that framework for the first hearing on July 18th, with a focus on regulatory issues. The Florida BOG, SACS and USF System General Counsel will present that framework around fees, general education, student governance

and shared services. She noted that there was discussion regarding one-page takeaways to be used by members for later reference.

b. Internal Implementation Committee Update

Chair Ellen introduced Peter Stokes with Huron Consulting Group to provide an overview of the internal implementation work. Mr. Stokes explained the difference between the various groups working to support consolidation. At a very high level, the Task Force has been charged with creating a set of recommendations in some broader areas about achieving a desired outcome while maintaining accreditation and preeminence. The BOT Consolidation, Accreditation and Preeminence (CAP) Committee is focused on how to implement all of these aspects involved in moving to reach consolidation. The Task Force is focused on considering external perspectives while the CAP is focused on internal voices and the more detailed aspects of implementation. The CAP is also considering some broader issues that are not within the focus of the Task Force charge.

As an example, using Mr. Frazier's presentation, a high level recommendation could be "to increase flexibility in course programming in location and time to enhance student access." The CAP might use that to develop the plan to enhance institutional capacity to match demand and increase access and then implement that plan. Huron will be supporting the parallel processes and will determine if there are opportunities for alignment and information sharing.

Huron will assist with consistent introductory talking points for hearings as well as helping to shape questions that should be addressed at hearings. Mr. Stokes is expecting to hear initial baseline work at first hearings with more in-depth information gathering as the subcommittees move forward.

c. Data Requests and Questions

Chair Ellen reminded everyone to reach out to staff liaisons for information or with any questions.

Chair Ellen noted that public comment area on the website has been updated to be more accessible to the public.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Ellen thanked everyone for continued work and diligence. The next scheduled meeting is July 26 (via phone call) from 4-6:00 pm. Information will be provided prior to the call.