

**Florida State College at Jacksonville  
District Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting  
Advanced Technology Center, Rooms T-140 & 141, 1 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Michael M. Bell, Chair  
 Laura M. DiBella, Vice Chair, Nassau County  
 O. Wayne Young, Vice Chair, Duval County  
 Roderick D. Odom  
 Andrew B. Shaw (via remote attendance)  
 D. Hunt Hawkins

ABSENT:

Jennifer D. Brown  
 Thomas R. McGehee, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Michael Bell called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He acknowledged the presence of Trustee Andrew Shaw, M.D. via remote attendance.

PLEDGE:

Chair Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

Chair Bell opened the public comments segment of the meeting wherein members of the public were invited to make comments on matters before the Board's consideration. It was noted that under the Administrative Procedure Act, a public hearing would be considered as to Action Items on the agenda, and any comments regarding the Rules would be stated at that time.

Chair Bell advised the Board that no member of the public had requested to speak. He asked if there were any comments by the Trustees, and there were none.

MINUTES:

(Ref. Board Agenda for  
 June 14, 2022; Pages  
 202200663 – 689)

Chair Bell asked the Board if there were any comments or recommended revisions to the Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) District Board of Trustees (DBOT) minutes – as a slate – of the April 12, 2022, Finance & Audit Committee Quarterly Meeting, on agenda pages 663 – 664; April 12, 2022, Board Workshop, on agenda pages 665 – 668; April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting, on agenda pages 669 – 686; and May 17, 2022, Deep Dive Budget Workshop, on agenda pages 687 – 689, and there were none.

**MOTION:** (Odom – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the FSCJ DBOT minutes – as a slate – from the April 12, 2022, Finance & Audit Committee Quarterly Meeting; April 12, 2022, Board Workshop; April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting; and May 17, 2022, Deep Dive Budget Workshop, as recommended.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT:

Commencement Recap:

College President John Avendano, Ph.D. shared with the Board that he was still reliving the excitement of FSCJ's in-person Commencement Ceremony, held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. This was the College's first face-to-face Commencement since 2019, and his first one since coming to FSCJ.

President Avendano noted he took some time to walk around to greet the graduates and families as they arrived, and they shared nothing but excitement and appreciation for the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments in this traditional way. He thanked the Committee and the 200+ volunteers as the ceremony ran smoothly and without any difficulties.

VP of Finance &  
Administration Search Update:

President Avendano announced he was excited to share publicly that Dr. Wanda Ford accepted the Vice President of Finance and Administration role on a permanent basis. Dr. Ford has been a great asset to the College throughout her time as interim, noting she will continue to provide great leadership over Business Services, Information Technology and Human Resources.

President Avendano expressed his gratitude to everyone for their participation and guidance throughout the search, noting his confidence that the College found the best candidate to help advance the institution's mission and best serve/support the Collegewide community, including FSCJ's students.

President's Forum Recap:

President Avendano announced last week, the FSCJ Foundation hosted the second President's Forum event. In recognition of Memorial Day, the College was pleased to welcome special guest speaker, Admiral Michelle Howard, who is the highest-ranking woman in U.S. Navy history. Admiral Howard spoke on leadership and shared details of her professional and personal journey.

President Avendano shared the Forum events are a great way to bring together FSCJ supporters, partners, donors and potential donors. He looks forward to seeing the program grow and appreciates the Board's participation. He thanked FSCJ Foundation Executive Director Cleve Warren and the Foundation for their work in bringing forward the President's Forum again, noting the College hopes to hold the event on an annual basis.

**FSCJ Baseball:**

President Avendano shared his congratulations to FSCJ's baseball team and Coach Brad Frick for their historic season. After a successful regular season, the team earned a spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II World Series, which was held in Enid, Oklahoma.

President Avendano noted he was lucky to have had the opportunity to be in attendance for the first two games in Oklahoma. The team played their hearts out and made it all the way to the final four to close out their winning season at 33-21, including three wins in the World Series. President Avendano shared it wasn't an easy road for the team, but he could not be prouder of FSCJ's baseball team!

**NISOD Most Promising Places to Work:**

President Avendano announced he was also excited to share that, for the second year in a row, FSCJ was selected as one of the Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and "Diverse: Issues in Higher Education," the nation's only biweekly newsmagazine dedicated exclusively to diversity issues in higher education.

FSCJ is working hard to emphasize and enhance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in everything the institution does for students, faculty, staff, and the community. To receive the national recognition once again is a great reflection of the College's efforts, so FSCJ is very excited for this award. President Avendano congratulated Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer/Executive Director of Employee Relations Lisa Moore and the College community in receiving the recognition.

**Adult Education Graduation:**

President Avendano thanked Chair Mike Bell and Trustees Laura DiBella and Hunt Hawkins for their participation during the Adult Education Graduation ceremony held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, and FSCJ's Interim Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement Dr. Jerrett Dumouchel for his leadership of the ceremony. He stated he had a personal commitment that kept him from the graduation.

President Avendano congratulated the GED graduates, noting the College looks forward to recruiting the students into the College environment for other opportunities so they can continue to grow professionally and personally as well.

Offers for Parcels of College  
Property:

President Avendano shared with the Board that the College recently received, within the last two weeks, numerous offers and inquires regarding the purchase of College facilities, parcels of property and/or other components of the College. FSCJ is unaware of the purpose of the inquires. However, the College is following-up on the matters in order to gain a sense of understanding for the interest.

President Avendano noted there is a significant redevelopment plan on-going in Downtown Jacksonville, which will transpire over the next few years. As FSCJ discusses the Master Facility Plan and Strategic Plan for the future, some of the College facility inquiries/offers may play a significant role for FSCJ going forward.

Gifts from Various Donors:

President Avendano announced the College recently received several significant donations:

- Dr. Chelsea McArthur, an alum, made a gift to the Fire Academy in memory of her husband, Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department Captain Darrold McArthur, who was also an alum.
- Coggin Automotive made a gift of \$375,000.
- Dr. David Gnage made a gift to support the FSCJ Honors Program in Dr. Marie Gnage's name. This gift was matched by the Foundation.
- The Scheidel Foundation awarded FSCJ a \$96,300 grant, over a three-year period, to support the development and implementation of professional learning opportunities around culturally responsive practices.
- The Kemp Family made a gift to the Nassau Center.

President Avendano thanked the Foundation for their time and efforts in working the donations through.

Rise in COVID Cases:

President Avendano shared with the Board that the College is cognizance of the rise in COVID cases, and a communication regarding mask-wearing will be forthcoming to the College community.

President Avendano asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board relating to his President's Report up to this point, and there were none.

Data Dashboard:

President Avendano shared with the Board information relating to the June 2022 Data Dashboard/high-level view of the institutional data sets.

- Enrollment Dashboard I: The first dashboard is the Summer Term College Credit Enrollment report as of May 22, 2022, which shows a negative variance of -4.5% credit hours for summer 2022 over summer 2021. That enrollment number is down 15,706 credit hours when compared to the same day in the summer 2020 enrollment cycle.
- Enrollment Dashboard II: The second dashboard is the Fall Term College Credit Enrollment report as of May 22, 2022, which shows a positive variance of 3.3% credit hours for fall 2022 over fall 2021, and represents 30.2% of overall enrollment for fall 2021.
- Spotlight Dashboard I: The third dashboard is on the College's Dual Enrollment program, which is in partnership with Duval County Public Schools, the Nassau County School District, private and charter schools and home school students as well.
- Spotlight Dashboard II: The fourth dashboard is a spotlight on the College's Dental Hygiene Associate in Science, which prepares students to become dental hygiene professionals.
- Spotlight Dashboard III: The fifth dashboard is a spotlight on the College's Cardiovascular Technology Associate in Science, which provides general education classes and required core professional classes for both the invasive and noninvasive cardiovascular curriculum.
- Spotlight Dashboard IV: The sixth dashboard is a spotlight on the College's Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate in Science, which prepares students for entry-level roles to support occupational therapists.
- Finance Dashboard: The seventh dashboard illustrates the actual revenues and expenditures compared to budget for the period ending April 30, 2022 and April 30, 2021.

Unrestricted fund revenues were up \$15.9 million from the prior year, mostly due to indirect cost recovery from federal HEERF grant funds. Expenditures were up approximately \$19.9 million, primarily from the \$17 million transfer to pay off the loan for the energy savings project.

It is important to note that restricted fund revenues and expenditures reflect both student and grant activities, so the federal stimulus funds also account for the significant increase in grant revenues and expenditures.

- Grants Dashboard: The final dashboard is a snapshot of the grants that have been awarded to the College between April and May of 2022, which total \$872,734.

STRATEGIC  
 PROGRAMMATIC  
 DISCUSSION:

President Avendano asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board related to the Data Dashboards and/or any other College Strategic matter. There was discussion by the Board regarding the local median wage verses national for FSCJ Associate in Science (A.S.) degree graduates within the Allied Health programs, noting the graduates are going into fields with great economic mobility.

CONSENT AGENDA:  
 (Ref. Board Agenda for  
 June 14, 2022; Items 1 through  
 8, Pages 202200690 – 705)

Chair Bell noted the Trustees had fully reviewed the Consent Agenda items prior to today's meeting and had the opportunity to discuss any questions and/or concerns with the College President. As a result, questions and concerns regarding agenda items were addressed and resolved in advance of the Board meeting. He then asked if there were any items the Trustees wished to remove from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration/discussion under Action Items, and there were none.

ACTION ITEMS:  
 (Ref. Board Agenda for  
 June 14, 2022; Items 1 through  
 13, Pages 202200706 – 731)

MOTION: (Young – Hawkins) The motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 2, Administrative Procedure Act – Board Rules, Section 1 – General Provisions, Definitions and Governance, on agenda pages 707 – 708.

MOTION: (Hawkins – Young) The motion was made to approve revised Board Rule 6Hx7-1.1 – Effective Date of Rules under Section 1 – General Provisions, Definitions and Governance.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 3, Administrative Procedure Act – Board Rules, Section 10 – Educational Support Services, on agenda pages 709 – 711.

MOTION: (Hawkins – DiBella) The motion was made to approve revised Board Rules 6Hx7-10.5 – Scholarships, Grants and Loans and 6Hx7-10.9 – Deferred Payment Status under Section 10 – Educational Support Services.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 4, Administration: Annual Salary Index, on agenda pages 712 – 713.

MOTION: (Odom – Young) The motion was made to approve the 2022-23 Annual Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 5, Finance: Fees and Charges, on agenda page 714.

MOTION: (Hawkins – Young) The motion was made to approve the Fees and Charges, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 6, Finance: Fees and Charges, on agenda pages 715 – 717.

MOTION: (Hawkins – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Fees and Charges, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 7, Finance: FSCJ ACCESS Program, on agenda page 718.

MOTION: (Young – Hawkins) The motion was made to approve the FSCJ ACCESS Program for Fall Term 2022, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 8, Finance: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budget Amendment No. 3, on agenda pages 719 – 720.

MOTION: (Hawkins – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budget Amendment No. 3, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 9, Finance: Fiscal Year 2022-23 College Budget, on agenda page 721.

MOTION: (Hawkins – Young) The motion was made to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 College Budget, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 10, Finance: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget, on agenda pages 722 – 724.



MOTION: (Hawkins – Young) The motion was made to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 11, Academic Affairs: Inactivation of Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology I (750 clock hours) Career Certificate Program, on agenda page 725.

MOTION: (Young – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Inactivation of Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology I (750 clock hours) Career Certificate Program, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 12, Academic Affairs: Inactivation of Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology II (600 clock hours) Career Certificate Program, on agenda page 726.

MOTION: (Hawkins – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Inactivation of Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology II (600 clock hours) Career Certificate Program, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 13, Facilities: Nassau Center Spot Survey Version 2.2 Dated June 1, 2022, and Annual Capital Improvement Plan, Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2025-26, on agenda pages 727 – 731.

MOTION: (DiBella – Hawkins) The motion was made to approve the Nassau Center Spot Survey Version 2.2 Dated June 1, 2022, and Annual Capital Improvement Plan, Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2025-26, as recommended.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board, and there were none.

Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

(Ref. Board Agenda for June 14, 2022; Items A – C, Pages 202200732 – 777)

Chair Bell asked the Board if there were any questions or comments related to Information Items A – C, on agenda pages 732 – 777, and there were none.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Chair Bell stated before the Board was the appointment of the DBOT Liaison to the FSCJ Foundation Board of Directors (FBOD). He shared during today's Board workshop there was discussion regarding the need to appoint a new DBOT Liaison due to an open seat on the Board.

Chair Bell appointed Trustee Thomas McGehee, Jr. to represent the Board as the Liaison to the FSCJ FBOD, noting Trustee McGehee's interest in being the Liaison.

Chair Bell asked if there were any questions or comments by Trustees relating to the appointment, and there were none.

Hearing none, Chair Bell noted Trustee McGehee will represent the Board as the Liaison to the FBOD for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR:

Chair Bell reported he recently attended the 2022 FSCJ Adult Education Graduation at South Campus, noting he was gratified to be part of the ceremony. He thanked Trustee Hawkins for taking the time to drive to Jacksonville to represent the Board, Interim Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement Dr. Jerrett Dumouchel and Associate Provost, Baccalaureate, Career and Technical Education Dr. Sheri Litt for their leadership rolls, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer/Executive Director of Employee Relations Lisa Moore for assisting with the shaking of students' hands, and all the staff for ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES:

There were no reports provided by Trustees.

REPORT OF THE  
 ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
 PROFESSIONAL  
 COLLABORATIVE (APC):

Administrative and Professional Collaborative Chair Dr. Marc Boese addressed the Board and presented an overview of the written report relating to current APC initiatives and activities. (Appendix A)

REPORT OF THE CAREER  
 EMPLOYEES COUNCIL  
 (CEC):

Career Employees Council Chair Matt Wetzel provided the Board with a written report relating to current CEC initiatives and activities. (Appendix B)

REPORT OF THE FACULTY  
 SENATE (Senate):

Faculty Senate President Dr. John Woodward provided the Board with a written report relating to current Senate initiatives and activities. (Appendix C)

REPORT OF THE STUDENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 ASSOCIATION (SGA):

Collegewide Student Government Association President Breana White provided the Board with a written report relating to current SGA initiatives and activities. (Appendix D)

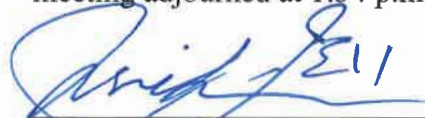
NEXT MEETING:

Chair Bell announced the Board will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the College's Administrative Offices for a Deep Dive Workshop. The workshop will convene at noon in Board Room 405. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Bell declared the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:



Chair, District Board of Trustees



Executive Secretary, District Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Kimberli Sodek, Secretary to the Board



Date: June 8, 2022

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees

From: Marc Boese, Chair of the Administrative and Professional Collaborative, 2021-22

Re: June 2022 Administrative and Professional Collaborative Report

Chair Bell and Trustees:

The Administrative and Professional Collaborative (APC) is proud to share some end-of-year updates on our work supporting our Administrative and Professional (A&P) employees. These past couple of months have brought us closer to our colleagues in the Career Employees Council (CEC) by creating a joint committee focusing on employee engagement. We have also hosted Student Services and Human Resources (HR) guests in our monthly meetings and held our annual elections.

In May, we hosted Mark Lacey, Chief Human Resource Officer, at our monthly APC meeting to discuss plans for the CARE project, as he also fielded questions and provided us with guidance to share with our respective groups. Mr. Lacey also shared HR's involvement in the VIP 2.0 strategic plan, plans for upcoming Interest-Based Problem-Solving training, and discussed our current turnover rates and ways A&P employees can help. In June, Megan Dross, Director for Recruitment and Admissions, joined our APC meeting to share the new campus tour process.

On June 14, the APC, the CEC, and the Faculty Senate will hold a Recognition Reception for all members. We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate what each group has done over the last year to support its members and the College community. Our APC committee members work in a wide range of positions across the College, participate in many committees, and work tirelessly to promote FSCJ's mission. We are very thankful to the President's Office for hosting the event.

The APC recently held their officer and representative nominations and elections for the 2022-23 year. We received over eighty A&P member nominations for Chair-elect, Secretary, and Campus Representatives. We held our APC Elections earlier this month, with eighty-eight A&P employees voting for the final group of representatives. I am proud to announce that Tara Haley was elected as our new Chair-elect and Karen Acevedo as the APC Secretary. Below, I have provided a list of new and returning members of the APC. As the year ends and I move out of the Chair position, Kerry Roth, Chair-Elect, will be taking office starting July 1, 2022.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for your care and dedication to FSCJ, faculty, staff, students, and the community. I have truly enjoyed my work as APC Chair and leading an outstanding team of A&P colleagues.

The following is a list of our 2022-23 APC Officers and Representatives. An \* represents a newly elected member.

Kerry Roth, Chair

\*Tara Haley, Chair Elect

Marc Boese, Past Chair

\*Karen Acevedo, Secretary

\*Derrick Johnson, Campus Representative, AO/URC

Jennifer Mullings, Campus Representative, AO/URC

Kerri Burns, Campus Representative, AO/URC

Jefferson Everett, Campus Representative, AO/URC

\*Denise Giarrusso, Campus Representative, Downtown Campus

\*Patrice Williams, Campus Representative, Downtown Campus

\*Ansa Reams-Johnson, Campus Representative, Deerwood Center

Robin Herriff, Campus Representative, Deerwood Center

Terence Wright, Campus Representative, Kent Campus/Cecil Center

\*Susan Mythen, Campus Representative, Kent Campus/Cecil Center

Dr. Sondra Evans, Campus Representative, North Campus/Nassau Center

\*TBD (runoff election ending June 13), Campus Representative, North Campus/Nassau Center

\*Lori Cimino, Campus Representative, South Campus

Ashli Archer, Campus Representative, South Campus

Respectfully,

Marc Boese, Ph.D.

Executive Director of Organizational Development

Administrative and Professional Collaborative Chair, 2021-22



Date: June 8, 2022

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees

From: Matt Wetzel, Career Employees' Council Chair

Re: June 2022 Career Employees' Council Report

Chair Bell and Trustees:

The Council continues to meet monthly to address items of concern and ways to improve the employee experience at the College. During our April meeting, which was held at the Downtown Campus, the Council invited Dr. Tara Haley to discuss her new role as Campus Dean. She provided refreshments for the meeting. She discussed her Campus Dean role and ways she could help support the Downtown Campus community and the Council. She mentioned she would like to build campus culture, as well as hold a few wellness campaigns throughout the upcoming months. Dr. Haley asked, "How do we engage new employees?" There was a suggestion that we look at mentoring new employees. The Council is looking at a mentorship affinity group to help engage and mentor new employees to get them involved as part of the Collegewide VIP 2.0 plan. Additionally, we discussed and planned the Commencement Rose Sale fundraiser, which supports our CEC Book Scholarship. Lastly, it was encouraged that all career employees attend one of the CARE Project's informational sessions.

During Commencement, we held our annual Rose Sale which profited \$832 that will go towards our CEC Book Scholarship. The Book Scholarship application for the summer was sent out to our Career Employees. We will award (3) \$150 scholarships for the summer term.

During our May meeting, which was held at the South Campus, the main topic of concern was the CARE Project. The Council discussed the informational sessions, which presented employees with what the CARE Project was intended to do, and why the College embarked on the project. One key component of the project was to help improve the recruitment of future employees and retention of current employees. Although no one is losing salary, the job title changes feel more like a demotion and the banding structure is demoralizing to current employees. The banding structure may affect individuals who are at the higher end of each band concerning salary increases and potential FRS impacts. As of now, we know the CARE project is on hold while it is being reevaluated. We appreciate and express our gratitude to the administration for placing the CARE project on hold.

The Council is committed to the Mission, Vision, and Values of FSCJ. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring the students have a positive and successful student experience. Lastly, we look forward to the continued collaboration as we continue to make FSCJ a great place for our students to achieve their educational goals and for our current and future employees to achieve their career and professional goals.

On behalf of the career employees, we express our appreciation to the District Board of Trustees for your time, effort and support that you bring to the College community, staff and our students.

Respectfully,

Matt Wetzel  
Career Employees' Council Chair 2021-22  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
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June 8, 2022

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees.

From: John A. Woodward, PhD

Re: June 2022 Faculty Senate Report

Chair Bell and Fellow Trustees:

There is little to report for the summer semester. I think I can speak for the faculty, though, when I say that the end of this semester and the graduation ceremony was a truly glorious moment. We were thrilled to be able to be in each others' presence again in a ceremony that marks the conclusion of those students' time with us and the beginning of a new life for them. For me, it reminds me of just how important these events are for our students and their families and how important we are to the community.

I did meet recently with the representative from Prosser in a small focus group. I am very much encouraged by the emphasis from staff, students, and faculty that we must be more closely connected to our communities around Jacksonville—and that this idea should inform our development plans. This aligns with what our faculty group on student-faculty interaction have said, and with what we hear from our students. I do think any effort we put forward in the next few years to open our campuses to the community and to be more welcoming, more hospitable, will go far in growing enrollment and in reminding our community leaders and members just how integral we are to the success of Jacksonville.

We do need to also remember that institutions of higher education represent the success of democracy and the enshrinement of the rights to free speech and free association. We know from history that innovations big and small come from a liberal education and liberal research rooted in free inquiry and open, civil, free debate on issues essential to our society. AAC&U and the PEN America Organization have recently reminded us of this in a public statement:

The principle of academic freedom...undergirds all higher education academic environments dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and pursuit of truth. In teaching and learning, as in scholarship and research, the freedom to engage in intellectual debate, and to share ideas and raise questions without fear of retribution or censorship, expands the boundaries of knowledge and drives innovation. A liberal education extends this freedom to students and invites them into the scholarly community, exposing them to competing ideas, training them in the evaluation of evidence, and empowering them to form independent judgements.

In my view there is no better description of the work we do at this institution. And while we can always and do always strive to be better at that work, we already provide real ethical, moral, and intellectual guidance to our students and present them with a democratic worldview that welcomes them and prepares them to serve our civil democracy, to work in our global economy, and to live in our pluralist world.

I look forward to writing more on this topic and on Senate's plans for the fall in a later update.

That concludes my report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Woodward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Date: June 8, 2022

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees

From: Florida State College at Jacksonville Student Government Association Executive Board

Re: June 2022 Student Government Association Report

Chair Bell and Trustees:

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the voice of the student body at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). Please see the following updates and accomplishments for the period between April 2022 and June 2022.

Since the last report, the SGA has accomplished the following:

- The Florida College System Student Government Association April Conference took place at FSCJ Kent Campus on April 8 and 9. The College was represented by twelve SGA Officers who attend workshops, voted for students to serve on FCSSGA State and Region Boards, and took part in the FCSSGA Annual Award Ceremony. FSCJ student Robin Price presided over the conference as the FCSSGA State President.
- Throughout the month of April, five Celebration of Student Success Ceremonies took place recognizing 216 students in the areas of Academic Achievement, Inspirational Achievement, and Outstanding Student Leadership as well as being an Outstanding Student Worker.
- During the weeks leading up to Finals Week, the SGA and Campus Student Programming Boards provide stress relief activities.
- On May 12, Collegewide SGA President Breana White served as the student speaker during the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual FSCJ Commencement Ceremony at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena.
- On May 19, Collegewide SGA President Breana White and Downtown Campus Student Engagement Advisor II Kurtson Boulware participated in the recording of a Juneteenth Video as a part of FSCJ's celebration of the new federal holiday.
- Members of the SGA hosted a cookout on May 23 at the Downtown Campus to celebrate the FSCJ Baseball Team reaching the NJCAA World Series. The Baseball Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the DII NJCAA World Series. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish capped off an amazing season in which the BlueWave became State Champions by winning the NJCAA Division II Region 8 Baseball Tournament as well as NJCAA Division II South Atlantic District Champions to advance to the NJCAA World Series for the first time since 2000!
- Multiple campuses will celebrate Juneteenth on the week of March 20 with cookouts that will feature games, trivia, and community resources.
- During the 2022-23 academic year, South Campus President Luke Elmore will serve as the Student Representative on the Curriculum Committee with North Campus President Diana Espinoza Cruz serving as his backup. Diana will also serve as a Student Representative on the VIP 2.2 Committee.

On behalf of the student body, we extend our deepest gratitude to the District Board of Trustees and FSCJ President Dr. John Avendano for continuing to provide the SGA the opportunity to share updates and accomplishments of our students. Thank you for your time and all that you do for the students of FSCJ.

Sincerely,

Breana White

FSCJ Collegewide Student Government Association President