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**Florida State College at Jacksonville**  
**District Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of the February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting**  
**Administrative Offices, Board Room 405, 1 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Thomas R. McGehee, Jr., Chair  
Michael M. Bell, Vice Chair, Nassau County  
O. Wayne Young, Vice Chair, Duval County  
Jennifer D. Brown  
Shantel N. Davis  
Laura M. DiBella  
D. Hunt Hawkins (via remote attendance)  
Thomas J. Majdanics  
Roderick D. Odom

ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair McGehee called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He acknowledged Trustee Hawkins' presence via remote attendance.

PLEDGE:

Chair McGehee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

Chair McGehee 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 Item 2 on the agenda, and any comments regarding the Rule would be stated at that time.

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

MINUTES:

(Ref. Board Agenda for February 11, 2020; Pages 202000249 – 285)

Chair McGehee 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 December 10, 2019, Finance & Audit Committee Quarterly Meeting, on agenda pages 249 – 251; December 10, 2019, Joint Workshop, on agenda pages 252 – 255; December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting, on agenda pages 256 – 277; January 14, 2020, Deep Dive Workshop / Planning Meeting, on agenda pages 278 – 282; and January 14, 2020, Business Dinner Meeting, on agenda pages 283 – 285, and there were none.

**MOTION:** (Bell – Odom) The motion was made to approve the FSCJ DBOT minutes – as a slate – from the December 10, 2019, Finance & Audit Committee Quarterly Meeting; December 10, 2019, Joint Workshop; December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting; January 14, 2020, Deep Dive Workshop / Planning Meeting; and January 14, 2020, Business Dinner Meeting, as recommended.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT:

Moment of Silence and  
Reflection –  
Professor Miriam Folk:

College President John Avendano, Ph.D. stated before he began his report he wished to acknowledge the tragic passing of one of FSCJ's own members, Professor Miriam "Mimi" Folk. He asked for a moment of silence and reflection for Professor Folk and her contributions for the institution, family, friends and community. President Avendano noted that each Trustee had a printed copy of a journal assignment from a previous student of Professor Folk. The Board paused in a moment of silence and reflection.

Inauguration Events:

President Avendano shared his appreciation to those who participated in last week's inauguration ceremony and dinner, noting it was a humbling couple of days. He stated that knowing everyone was there, either in person or virtually, to share in the joy of the festivities meant more to him than words could express. He shared again, as he did in his inauguration address, that he is committed to the institution and the charges. He accepted to serve with diligence, dedication, energy, vision and integrity. He wants everyone to know that he does not take the role and the responsibility the Board has entrusted him with lightly. He appreciates the opportunity to serve as FSCJ's president and is excited about working together to help drive the College forward.

President Avendano expressed his great gratitude to the planning committee and all of the staff for the critical supporting roles they played leading up to and on the day that made both events memorable. He felt both events were hugely successful and thanked those who personally invested in tables and for the support by the companies like Rayonier and Florida Blue.

Along with the inauguration festivities, President Avendano was proud to also have the opportunity to participate in the grand re-opening of FSCJ's H.O.P.E. Food Pantry located at South Campus. Due to the overwhelming need and response to the food pantry's services, the space at South Campus was expanded to serve even more students and extend the types of goods and services offered there. He thanked the many supporters and to Bank of America for their support.

- Secretary Stump Visit:** President Avendano announced that on January 23, FSCJ was fortunate to be visited by U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary Scott Stump and Florida Department of Education Chancellor for Career and Adult Education Henry Mack. He thanked Trustee DiBella for taking time out of her busy schedule to spend time with us while FSCJ had the opportunity to showcase some of the great programs the College has to offer at Downtown Campus, including Culinary Arts, CyberSecurity, Logistics and the Instrumentation and Control Technology Center Lab. All of these programs have received direct support from the Perkins grant and are directly supporting the growing workforce in Duval and Nassau counties.
- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Workforce Development Institute:** President Avendano shared with the Board that last month he was given the honor of welcoming more than 700 attendees to Amelia Island for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Workforce Development Institute. FSCJ was well represented at the event, with two of our Deans participating in the Leadership Academy. Another high note to mention about the AACC is that FSCJ is up for three national awards for the institution's work in Advancing Diversity, Student Success and Safety and Planning. FSCJ was recently the "College Spotlight" for AACC.
- Author Series:** President Avendano announced that the featured memoir for this year's Author Series is "Craig & Fred: a Marine, a Stray Dog and How They Rescued Each Other." "Craig & Fred," is the true story of an eight-year U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient and his dog Fred, the stray dog he met on a battlefield in Afghanistan and how the two saved each other. The book has proven to be a great selection for this year's Author Series. The author, Craig Grossi and his dog Fred will visit South Campus at 7 p.m. on March 4 and Kent Campus on March 5 at 11 a.m. for a book signing and presentation, noting a copy of the book had been placed at each Trustee's seat. President Avendano encouraged all to attend.
- Strategic Planning Day:** President Avendano shared with the Board that last month, the strategic planning team began hosting collegewide forums to gather information and ideas that will be used to inform our new strategic plan, which FSCJ is calling the 2020 Visionary Impact Plan (VIP). The workshops are being held across the campuses for faculty, staff and college community to contribute as part of the future for the institution as well.

Data Dashboard Update:

President Avendano shared with the Board information relating to the February 2020 Data Dashboard, noting that each Trustee had a printed copy at their seat.

- Enrollment Dashboard: The first is the Spring Term College Credit Enrollment report as of January 27, 2020, and shows a positive variance of +1.2% credit hour increase for spring 2020 over spring 2019, and as of yesterday enrollment was up 2.1%.

The final enrollment number is up to +5,561 credit hours over the spring 2018 enrollment report.

- Spotlight Dashboard: The Spotlight is on Achieve 2020 – Increase the Success of FSCJ Students, which overviews the strategic priorities from 2019 that were completed and highlights those that FSCJ is launching in 2020.

These strategies are part of the KPIs that were approved by the DBOT in October 2017.

- Finance Dashboard: Illustrates the actual revenues and expenditures compared to budget for the period ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.
- Grants Dashboard: A snapshot of grants that have been awarded to the College between December 2019 and January 2020, which total more than \$359,014. When comparing the same time frame in 2018, the amount granted this year has more than doubled.

Chair McGehee asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board regarding the President's Report. There was discussion by the Board regarding the College's recent enrollment increase, fall-to-spring retention, strategies and processes, Customer Relationship Management software system (CRM) and online applications.

Interest Based Bargaining  
(IBB):

President Avendano extended his appreciation to the faculty team and leadership administrative team who recently went through IBB Training, noting the spirit in which the training was approached.

CONSENT AGENDA:  
(Ref. Board Agenda for  
February 11, 2020; Items 1  
through 2, Pages 202000286  
– 287)

Chair McGehee 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 through individual Trustee conference calls, should they so desire. 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 February 11, 2020; Items 1 through 9, Pages 202000288 – 300)

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

Chair McGehee 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 10 – Educational Support Services, on agenda pages 289 – 290.

MOTION: (Young – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the revisions to Board Rule 6Hx7-10.3 – Student Registration, as recommended.

Chair McGehee 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, Finance: Agreement for Operation of Student Housing and Retail Space, on agenda page 291.

MOTION: (Bell – Odom) The motion was made to approve the Agreement for Operation of Student Housing and Retail Space, as recommended.

President Avendano provided Trustees with an update on the terms of the new agreement with the City of Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority (DIA).

Chair McGehee asked if there were any questions or comments by the Board. There was discussion by the Board regarding loan forgiveness and tenant renewal.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

President Avendano presented the administration's recommendation on Action Item 4, Finance: Fees and Charges, on agenda pages 292 – 293.

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

Chair McGehee 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: Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget Amendment No. 2, on agenda pages 294 – 295.

MOTION: (DiBella – Odom) The motion was made to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget Amendment No. 2, as recommended.

Chair McGehee 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, Academic Affairs: Academic Calendar, 2020-21, on agenda pages 296 – 297.

MOTION: (Bell – Young) The motion was made to approve the Academic Calendar for 2020-21, as recommended.

Chair McGehee 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, Academic Affairs: Activation of Clinical Research Professional Associate in Science, on agenda page 298.

MOTION: (Hawkins – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Activation of Clinical Research Professional Associate in Science, as recommended.

Chair McGehee 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, Academic Affairs: Activation of Clinical Research Coordinator Technical Certificate in Clinical Research Professional Associate in Science, on agenda page 299.

MOTION: (Young – Odom) The motion was made to approve the Activation of Clinical Research Coordinator Technical Certificate in Clinical Research Professional Associate in Science, as recommended.

Chair McGehee 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, Academic Affairs: Activation of Surgical Technology Specialist Technical Certificate in Surgical Services Professional Associate in Science, on agenda page 300.

MOTION: (Bell – DiBella) The motion was made to approve the Activation of Surgical Technology Specialist Technical Certificate in Surgical Services Professional Associate in Science, as recommended.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:  
(Ref. Board Agenda for February 11, 2020; Items A – C, Pages 202000301 – 307)

Chair McGehee asked the Board if there were any questions or comments related to Information Items A – C, on agenda pages 301 – 307, and there were none.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S) AND/OR APPOINTEE(S):

Chair McGehee invited any new employee(s) and/or appointee(s) to stand and be recognized. He welcomed the employees/appointees on behalf of the District Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

CHAIR:

Chair McGehee reported that last Friday the Board had the honor of presiding over the inauguration of Dr. Avendano becoming the sixth President of FSCJ, noting it was the third president that he had worked with.

Chair McGehee shared that Dr. Avendano's remarks, while relating directly to his role and responsibilities, were very appropriate to the relationship of the Board of Trustees and the Office of the President. With that in mind, Chair McGehee wished to restate part of Dr. Avendano's inauguration speech.

Chair McGehee shared that when Dr. Avendano accepted the medallion of the Office the President, he said, "It came with a responsibility which he felt should be shared by this Board. It is to serve with diligence, dedication, energy, vision and integrity. We should all share in this commitment together."

Chair McGehee continued to state that Dr. Avendano also spoke of the fact that his focus would be on the future and it is most appropriate for the Board to be focused on the same elements. First being to Student Success. With that, a promise to challenge the students, to prepare them, to support them, to encourage them, to educate and train them so that they may enhance the quality of their lives.

Along with Dr. Avendano, the Board must bear part of the responsibility to respond to the needs of our greater community. These are the needs we know now and the needs that have yet to present themselves. This is a requirement to always be flexible and never become so stagnant we become irrelevant.

Chair McGehee noted that Dr. Avendano and the Board are on a path of destiny and it's their job to make sure that destiny continues to successfully enhance FSCJ's students and community. He expressed his satisfaction with Dr. Avendano's work and his attention to the details under his control, noting his plate if full of areas needing attention. However, Chair McGehee feels confident of the president's leadership team and their ability to deal with each and every one.

REPORT OF THE BOARD  
LIAISON, FSCJ  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS:

FSCJ Foundation Board Liaison Jennifer Brown provided the Board with an overview of the written report relating to the FSCJ Foundation Board of Directors. (Appendix A)



REPORT OF TRUSTEES:

There were no reports provided by Trustees.

REPORT OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
PROFESSIONAL  
COLLABORATIVE (APC):

Administrative and Professional Collaborative Chair Youlanda Henry provided the Board with a written report relating to current APC initiatives and activities. (Appendix B)

REPORT OF THE CAREER  
EMPLOYEES COUNCIL  
(CEC):

Career Employees Council Interim Chair Camilla Collins addressed the Board and presented an overview of the written report relating to current CEC initiatives and activities. (Appendix C)

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 D)

REPORT OF THE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION (SGA):

Collegewide Student Government Association President SeQoya Williams provided the Board with a written report relating to current SGA initiatives and activities. (Appendix E)

NEXT REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING:

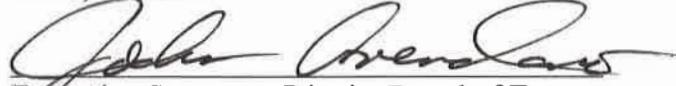
Chair McGehee announced the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at the College's Administrative Offices.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair McGehee declared the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

  
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Chair, District Board of Trustees

  
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Executive Secretary, District Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Ms. Kimberli Sodek, Secretary to the Board



REPORT OF THE BOARD LIAISON, TRUSTEE JENNIFER BROWN  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

1. The Foundation's Board will hold its next quarterly meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the ATC, Rooms T-140/141.
2. At the Board's December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting action was taken to approve its 2020-2021 slate of officers, they include:
  - Ms. Velma Monteiro-Tribble; Chairperson, The Blue Foundation
  - Mr. Brian Parks; First Vice Chairperson, Truist Bank
  - Ms. Ann Marie Knight; Second Vice Chairperson, UF Health
  - Mr. Wilson Studstill; Treasurer, Raymond James & Associates
  - Mr. Danny Berenberg; Secretary, GiftCounsel.com
3. Mr. Cleve Warren, the Foundation's Executive Director, also discussed College outcomes for #GivingTuesday; where our focus of the last three years has been on giving back to the community. Mr. Warren reported that more than 100 FSCJ faculty, staff and students gave volunteer time to non-profit agencies in Duval and Nassau Counties, helped collect over 1000 lbs. of non-perishable food items for the College's Hope Food Pantry located on the South Campus, and gave cash donations to benefit of the Food Pantry totaling \$4,396 (which includes a 1:1 match from the Foundation).
4. The Food Pantry was recently enlarged and renovated with proceeds from a \$10,000 grant to the Foundation from Bank of America.
5. The Board's Alumni Advisory Council, Chaired by Dr. Charles Moreland, held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Council continues to work on plans for various alumni engagement activities, a \$20.20 fund raising campaign for the Class of 2020, formalizing an alumni discount purchasing concept to be known as Alumni House, and a reset of the alumni ad campaign.
6. On Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> the Board's Investment Advisory Committee, Chaired by the Board's Treasurer Mr. Wilson Studstill, and the Board At-Large met with its Investment Advisor, the Commonfund, to review portfolio results for the first quarter ending December 31, 2019, and received an annual brief on the private equity component of the portfolio. Total market value of the portfolio was reported at \$58,197,354, as compared to \$49,067,550 for the quarter ending December 31, 2018. Growth in the portfolio can be ascribed largely to net returns on the marketable securities of nearly 30% from year to year.

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Report of the Board Liaison, Trustee Jennifer Brown

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7. The Board's Finance, Compliance and Audit Committee, also Chaired by Mr. Studstill, had its last meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Committee reviewed first-quarter operating results for the Artist Series and Fund Development components, had a refresh of various sources and uses for the Foundations various restricted fund accounts, and reviewed a recap of encumbrances and the use funds provided to the College for Institutional Support.
8. And finally, as I mentioned to you at our last meeting, the annual luncheon for the Power of Possible Scholarship Fund was rolled up into the President's Inauguration Dinner. Again, with the generous help of a local donor; whom I can now reveal as Florida Blue, and an outpouring of gifts from friends of the College, faculty, staff, students, Trustees and Foundation Board members, the net proceeds will be added to this very flexible non-endowed scholarship fund. The Fund is a general scholarship fund for First Generation students, or underserved students with a pre-determined financial need.



Date: February 11, 2020

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees

From: Youlanda Henry

Chair, Administrative and Professional Collaborative, 2019-2020

Re: February 2020 Administrative and Professional Collaborative Report

Chair McGehee and Trustees:

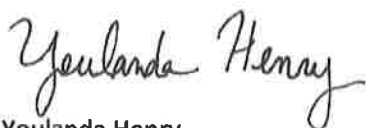
Greetings from the APC! It is exciting to be at the start of 2020 and to have an opportunity to begin the academic term with renewed energy and an eye toward the possibilities that lie ahead of us. I can truly say that APC members have hit the ground running at the start of the Spring 2020 semester. Activities across the College have been frenetic, engaging, and rewarding.

The APC has started the term by working to create opportunities to engage our membership in a number of ways. The APC hosted a Brown Bag lunch event on January 16<sup>th</sup>, featuring Ms. Kristine Hibbard, Director of Financial Aid. The presentation provided a great opportunity to learn of some of the gains that have been made in improving financial aid processes at the College and gave us a forecast of some of the work that lies ahead in this area. Over the next few weeks, our APC campus representatives and officers will be hosting a series of campus-based APC meetings so that we can share relevant updates with our constituencies and gather their feedback about issues or concerns that they have at both the local and collegewide level. The APC also looks forward to hosting a luncheon for the membership on March 26<sup>th</sup> and an evening social event on April 30<sup>th</sup> to promote collegewide networking and teambuilding.

During this term, the College's A &Ps have been involved in a number of projects and initiatives that are contributing to the vibrant academic life of FSCJ. While the impact of our A&Ps across the College is broad and meaningful, I would like to highlight a few of the great things that are in progress. Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, AVP of Strategic Enrollment, and her team have done good work that has improved our outreach and engagement with prospective students. I would also like to note the inclusive and thoughtful way in which Dr. Deborah Fontaine, AVP of Strategic Priorities, and her team have laid the groundwork for the College's 2020 VIP strategic planning efforts. Contributing to FSCJ's role as a community leader, Dr. Jametoria Burton and the Center for Civic Engagement spearheaded FSCJ's participation in Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northeast Florida's Beyond School Walls program, and this has created an opportunity for area high school students to learn about all of the great educational programs at FSCJ and to be mentored by FSCJ staff (many of them A & Ps). Moreover, I offer kudos to Dr. Kathleen Ciez-Volz, AVP of Curriculum and Instruction, and her team for an excellent launch of FSCJ's new International Education program, which will foster the global citizenship of FSCJ's students and give them opportunities to travel abroad. Finally, I would like to offer congratulations to all of our A&P colleagues who have been integral to FSCJ's being named as a finalist for the following awards from the American Association of Community Colleges: Community College Planning and Leadership, Advancing Diversity, and Student Success. We are fortunate to have so many dynamic staff who are making a positive imprint both institutionally and beyond.

Lastly, I would like to formally congratulate Dr. John Avendano on his inauguration as the 6<sup>th</sup> President of FSCJ. The APC looks forward to the opportunity to work with him to take FSCJ to the next level. We value his leadership and wish him much success during his tenure at FSCJ.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Youlanda Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y".

Youlanda Henry  
Director of Tutoring Services  
Chair, Administrative and Professional Collaborative, 2019-2020



Date: February 11, 2020  
To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees  
From: Camilla Collins, Career Employees' Council Interim Chair  
Re: February 2020 CEC Report

Chair McGehee and Trustees:

On behalf of the Career Employees' Council, we would like to thank you for your service and support to our College, Community and Career Employees. I am excited to share with you how exactly the CEC is rebuilding within the council and how we are building external relationships with partners in the community.

We are rebuilding within the council by raising our standards and becoming more accountable through updating our current bylaws. The current bylaws are outdated and do not reflect how we have streamlined many of our processes over the years. The current bylaws also cause confusion as to who can attend meetings as well as their role when attending. A committee will meet next week to review initial modifications that were surveyed and discussed during the CEC's Annual Planning Workshop. From there the modification process will begin.

We are strengthening our internal and external relationships by asking pertinent questions, employing our active listening skills and communicating clearly and effectively. We have been meeting and sharing information that has been verified and true. Although, many internal obstacles slow the progress of projects as well as how visible career employees are at events, creative ideas are being brought forward and implemented.

In December, we shared that we had hopes of conducting a spring Service Learning Project. I am more than happy to say that "that" project is in the works. With a handful of volunteers, we will be collaborating with Eco Relics in building park benches along the railroad district. Upon completion of our initial meeting, we hope to select a bench design and establish a timeline to complete the project. Once the particulars are solidified, we hope to enlist the help of the Student Government Association (SGA) and other organizations throughout the College to complete the project. For those who are not interested in building, we are surveying the next best date for a Ronald McDonald house cooking experience.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of communication, transparency and sound direction from leadership. Again, we appreciate you all and your continued support.

Respectfully,

*Camilla Collins*

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February, 2019

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

From: John A. Woodward, PhD

Re: February Report

Chair McGehee and Fellow Trustees:

We are entering a particularly rich portion of the academic calendar as we move into the Spring semester. There are a number of faculty and student oriented events on the horizon. We are still watching as the administration works through process development and seeks to improve our marketing and boost the visibility of some of our programs. We are aware, however, that these structural changes will take some time to implement. In this letter, I would like to highlight some of the good work we are doing.

The importance of this institution to the community and to our students cannot be understated. For students who transfer to a university or into a four-year degree, studies have shown that those who have begun at a community or state college have fared significantly better at the four-year institution. Moreover, student who earn an AA or AS degree can expect on average to earn anywhere from \$4600 to \$7100 per year more than those who have not earned the degree, according to a study from 2017. These are definite incentives to attend college.

Yet, it is more than what happens in the classroom, it is also what happens in the hallways and at the many events we have that give our students access to the college experience. There is after all a correlation in the literature between retention and the collegial atmosphere of the institution, in ways ranging from the development of friendships among peers in study groups or clubs to exciting and intellectually stimulating 'learning' events held at the campuses. The development of that intellectual atmosphere correlates perfectly with our growing emphasis on rigor, since we see rigor as being more than just an issue for the classroom.

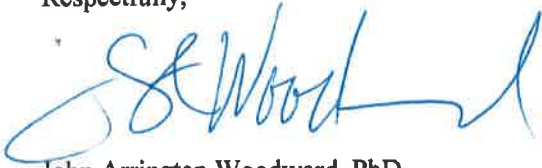
Faculty have long held the thrall of students through individual clubs and events. Many of our faculty are very adept at that and at the same time in increasing the engagement with the intellectual life outside of the classroom. It seems clear, though, with the work of Kerry Roth in student life and people such as Angela Davis-Thomas, who is chair of the History and Heritage committee, that we are really sparking some synergy at the institution and building a better quality of academic life for both our students and our faculty.

Our long-standing endeavors continue. For example, this spring we have the Author's Series, various TedXFSCJ events, The Jeff Bertsch Forum, and the FSCJ Student Research Conference, just to name a few.

These events remind me as a faculty member what it means to be a part of an institution of higher education and to work with colleagues I respect. And I see that reflected in my students' interests in the events. What they learn from this is that education is not a transactional activity, but is a lifestyle and is at the very foundation of a modern and thriving society.

That concludes my report to the board.

Respectfully,



John Arrington Woodward, PhD

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Date: February 11, 2020

To: Florida State College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees

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

Re: December 2019 to January 2020 Student Government Association Report

Chair McGehee 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 of December 2019 to January 2020.

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

- During the week of January 6, the SGA joined Athletics, the Bookstore, Diversity & Social Change, Library & Learning Commons and Student Life & Leadership in hosting BlueWave Welcome Week. During this time, students were provided greetings, directions, resources, activities, refreshments and FSCJ branded promotional items.
- On January 17, members of the SGA joined the Baseball Team and Softball Team as well as students from the Environmental Studies Program and Student Life & Leadership at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting at the North Campus. Every year Greenscape Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville donate 50 trees. Students helped to plant new trees as well as prune the previously planted trees.
- On January 20, members of the SGA joined student leaders from North Campus Student Life & Leadership in their MLK Day of Service. Students volunteered at Kingsley Plantation and assisted with the restoration of the former slave cabins. This event was part of Human Rights Week at FSCJ.
- During the week of January 28, each campus and the Deerwood Center, hosted a Campus Involvement Fair. Students were able to learn about campus resources, student organizations and community volunteer opportunities. The League of Women's Voters also registered or updated the voter registration of 25 people.
- On the weekend of January 31, the FSCJ Symphonic Band attended the Florida College System Activities Association Music Symposium at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Two students won state-wide solo competitions. Aaron Dolan (saxophone) and Robert Bidwell (trumpet) will both receive a \$1000 scholarship. In addition, Melissa Caceres, a Choral Program student, was selected as the only soloist by the conductor for one of the pieces in the FCSAA Choral Performance.
- Also, on the weekend of January 31, the International Club sent six students to the Florida International Leadership Conference in Lake Placid, FL where they were able to network with students from various other Florida College System and State University System of Florida institutions. The students attended leadership and professional development education workshops.
- On February 7-8, members of the SGA will attend the Florida College System Student Government Association February Leadership Conference at College of Central Florida. There, the students will attend leadership workshops and vote on proposed changes to the FCSSGA Constitution.
- Finally, two SGA members will serve on the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection 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 us the opportunity to foster such a thriving environment. Thank you for your time and all that you do for the students of FSCJ.

Sincerely,

SeQoya Williams

FSCJ Collegewide Student Government Association President

