

Council of Student Affairs (CSA)
Thursday, October 12, 2023

1. Welcome, Dr. Erik D'Aquino
2. Sponsor Presentation
 - a. BetterMynd – Doug Fraser, VP of Campus Relations.
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3. Priorities for the Council of Presidents (COP)
 - a. Meeting taking place on 10.20.2023
 - b. Florida Residency, Dan Rodkin & Lesley Frederick (Valencia & FCRAO feedback)
 - i. Students need access to our institutions and we need to remove unnecessary barriers
 - c. Rationale for legislators on the Independent Students (Appendix A)
 - i. "Intent" and concern of parents in another state paying taxes and not paying FL taxes.
 - ii. Concern around Undocumented and 2 years in FL
 - iii. How much revenue would be lost if these are changed? Looking at Out of State tuition that could be lost? How many students are we missing because of our current policy?
 - iv. Need to gather the data to help support the rationale: out of state, students stopped at the residency process, etc.
 - v. Drop for non-payment because they could not afford the additional out of state costs
 - vi. Emphasis on more graduates to impact the workforce!
 - d. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - i. Update rationale for COP
 - ii. Provide supportive data
 - iii. Creation of "WHY" talking points to educate our peers
4. Closing Comments
 - a. Valencia will update the rational and action items for COP.
 - b. Dr. Erik D'Aquino will present the information to COP.
 - c. Tomorrow's topics
 - i. Summer Institute: Location, theme, topics
 - ii. Nuts and Bolts
 1. Conduct and the start of the semester
 2. Other

Appendix A

From Valencia (Lesley Frederick):

1. Accept a single form of qualification (if citizenship requirements are met) for certain documentary evidence (i.e. FL Driver's license, State ID or Voter's Registration – or FL high school graduate, attending the final two years of HS prior to graduation)
2. Align reclassification requirements with initial classification requirements (two documents versus three to establish Florida residency for tuition purposes).
3. Align Florida residency requirements and Title IV funding requirements regarding "independent" status to reduce conflicting and/or duplicative information and/or requirements.
4. Broaden definition of "term" to include either term or part of term for which the student begins courses.

Comments from FCRAO:

1. Allow 18/21 year olds the opportunity to provide their own documents to establish residency even if dependent on others
2. If using parents as claimants – even if different evidence is in different names, allow BOTH parents to be claimants, not just one
3. Establish a deadline date for establishing residency – last day to add for the term in question? Census data as used for Financial Aid purposes?
4. Allow Florida high schools graduates to be considered residents for tuition purposes if they enroll at FCS or SUS within one year of graduating high school
 - a. Align with enrollment requirements as per SB1720
5. Allow non-citizens on Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to be eligible for in-state residency
6. Allow students who are currently incarcerated within the Florida DOC, and have been for at least one year, to claim residency
7. Allow former inmates who were released from the Florida DOC within the past year to use their incarcerated time as part of the 12-month requirement to prove residency.