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Message from the 2019-2020 President of FAC&U, Dr. Ed Meadows:



Ed Meadows
President, Pensacola State College

Greetings follow presidents.

It is such an honor to follow Dr. Donal O'Shea as the next president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities. Under Dr. O'Shea's leadership we have focused our association toward providing meaningful and relevant program topics that impact future strategies in addressing institutional issues affecting students, faculty and staff. This coming year, the FAC&U Board plans to continue this focus by strengthening our mission to provide relevant professional development program topics for presidents, vice presidents, provosts, and other senior executive level professionals from Florida's public and non-profit colleges and universities.

The FAC&U Board is committed to serving you this coming year and ensuring that your membership is of value to you and your institution. Allow me this opportunity to encourage all institutions of higher education to continue their involvement with FAC&U. It behooves us all to engage our collective wisdom and experience in determining the most relevant and urgent topics that will be discussed and presented at our association's meetings and conference this coming year.

To that end, those who participated in the summer conference which will include an opportunity for each of you to suggest topics and speakers for this coming year. The link to this survey is ([here](#)) and ALL are welcome and encouraged to give us the benefit of your input regarding future programming; if you did NOT attend the meeting in Orlando the survey will lead you directly to the relevant questions.

Together we can make a greater positive difference in the lives of our students, and with the collective participation of us all, we can identify and better understand the often complex issues impacting Florida higher education. Therefore, I implore us all to actively participate this coming year in FAC&U and also ask that you encourage your colleagues to help us set the program agenda that will be most meaningful and relevant to higher education leaders in Florida.

Respectfully,
Ed Meadows, FAC&U President
and President, Pensacola State College



FAC&U 2019 Annual Meeting Recap

The Villas of Grand Cypress Resort hosted this year's FAC&U annual meeting on June 5, 2019 at its Executive Meeting Center. This one-day event welcomed over 30 respected leaders in higher education from across the state representing the State University System, the Florida College System, and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. It was a wonderful event that engaged presidents, vice presidents, and provosts to share new ideas and voice concerns across issues that will affect higher ed in the immediate or near future.

Attendees heard from several thought leaders on a wide range of topics. New York Times Best-Selling Author and former Senior Advisor at the State Department, Alec Ross, shared a vision for the changes in industry, data, and technology that will significantly impact workforce development over the next ten years. Scott Jaschik, CEO and publisher of Inside Higher Ed, tackled current trends and hot button issues occurring on many campuses in Florida and across the nation. Next, Dr. Sam Staley, Director of the FSU Devoe L. Moore Center, led an interactive dialogue with college and university leaders on the state of free speech and debate on campus. President John Holdnak from Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida, talked about the lessons learned from Hurricane Michael and showed images of the devastation in

his community and the surrounding areas. It was truly a powerful message of how he and others worked to restore order in the midst of chaos. Finally, Ken Lawson, The Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, gave a rousing speech to encourage and challenge those leaders in attendance and share his insights from a career dedicated to service in the military and to this great state.

Participants shared their thoughts, concerns, and key learnings from various recent events making local and national headlines. That session was followed by a joint presentation from two of our sponsors, Workday and Alchemy. Company representatives, Toby Hall and Tamer Guirguis, discussed the work their organizations were doing to improve data collection and cybersecurity for higher education institutions across the country.



Ken Lawson, The Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity during his Keynote Address

Main Meeting Topics

- FAC&U Board of Directors Meeting
- Alec Ross - "Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Workforce"
- Scott Jaschik *Inside Higher Ed* - "Hot Issues for Florida and the Nation"
- Dr. Sam Staley, FSU Professor - "An Interactive Dialogue on the Status of Campus Debate and Free Speech"
- Workday - "Revolutionizing the Enterprise Software Market for Higher Education"
- Dr. John Holdnak, President - Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL - "Lessons from Hurricane Michael"
- FAC&U Business Meeting
- Keynote Address - Ken Lawson, J.D. – Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



President John Holdnak of Gulf Coast State College being Presented the 2019 Distinguished Service Award by President Ed Meadows



2019-20 FAC&U Executive Committee

The Florida Association of Colleges and Universities is proud to announce the new leadership of the Executive Committee. Thank you for your dedication to the core values of FAC&U.



President - Dr. Ed Meadows - Pensacola State College

Dr. Meadows became Pensacola State College's president on June 1, 2008. He served seventeen years in the Alabama Community College System, twelve of those years as a president. He also worked ten years in the Mississippi Community College System, as a faculty member, department chair, and campus dean. Locally, Dr. Meadows serves on the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Co-Lab) Policy Board and serves as an Ex-Officio member on the FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance, and ex-officio of the Board of First Place Partners.



Vice President - Larry Thompson - Ringling College of Art and Design

Dr. Larry R. Thompson, president of Ringling College of Art and Design since July 1999, champions the need for businesses to embrace creativity to thrive in the 21st century global economy. A lawyer and an educator, Thompson previously served as Special Assistant to the President of Ohio State University; CEO of Flint Cultural Center; and founding Executive Director and CEO of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Thompson is former President of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) and currently serves on its Executive Committee.



Past President - Donal O'Shea - New College of Florida

Dr. O'Shea earned a A.B. from Harvard University and a M.S. and Ph.D. from Queen's University, all in mathematics. An internationally known mathematician, he continues to work with collaborators around the world.

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