

# **2020 FL-AHEAD Spring**

## ***Meeting Minutes***

May 21st, 2020

### **I. Call to Order**

Marra Piazza Brass called to order the regular meeting of the FL-AHEAD at 10 AM on May 21st, 2020 via Google Meet.

### **II. Introduction/Roll Call**

Marra Piazza Brass announced the new President-Elect, Craig Levins from Broward College, and new Secretary, Mary Hoffman from State College of Florida.

Marra Piazza Brass – President-Elect, Eckerd College (Incoming President)  
Ashley Gorion – Treasurer, University of Central Florida  
Matthew Lowe – Secretary, University of Central Florida (Outgoing Secretary)  
Craig Levins, Broward College, Incoming President-Elect  
Mary Hoffman, State College of Florida, Incoming Secretary

Catherine Wharton, Lynn University  
Christine Hopp, Broward College  
Tiffany Paschal, Broward College  
Alicia Hall, Lake Sumter State College  
Laurie Carneiro, Lake Sumter State College  
Sherise Hobson, Indian River State College  
Terry Ann Auger, Florida Gateway College  
Rachel Schwitters, Valencia College  
Robyn Borders, Valencia College  
Shawn Le'Tang, Valencia College  
Geni Wright, Valencia College  
Sherise Hobson, Indian River State College  
Jacqueline Burke, Indian River State College  
Joseph Mayer, New College of Florida  
Cori Bright-Kerrigan, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Spencer Scruggs, Florida State University  
Loni Carter, Santa Fe College  
Chanda McCann, Santa Fe College  
Bea Awoniyi, Santa Fe College  
Kimberley Smith, Santa Fe College  
Stacy Collins, Stetson University  
Stephanie Potthoff, Stetson University  
Kathryn Pelham, Stetson University  
Dianne Oeste, Stetson University  
Beth Roland, University of Florida  
Adam Meyer, University of Central Florida

Peggy Kledzik, University of South Florida  
Chris Georgallis, University of South Florida  
Clair Willrich, Ringling College of Art and Design  
Romanie Roach, Northwest Florida State College  
Latosha Williams, Hillsborough Community College  
Jeanette Starks, Hillsborough Community College  
Anne Anderson, Eckerd College  
Patricia Lakey, State College of Florida  
Jennifer Meier, State College of Florida  
Jessica Franchi-Alfaro, Miami Dade College  
Darcy McDowell, Pasco-Hernando State College

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Matthew Lowe – Secretary. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

### **IV. Treasurer’s Report – Ashley Gorion:**

Funds in Account \$7,026.21  
General Fund \$5,216.21  
Scholarship Fund \$1,810  
Total Membership 95

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Regional Consortiums**

Marra Piazza Brass shared about the benefits of a consortium she is part of in her local area which arose out of an institutional consortium.

#### **B. Membership Dues**

There were concerns brought up about paying dues for the upcoming year because of budgetary issues arising from the impact of the pandemic. The FL-AHEAD Board will review this concern and make a determination about what action is warranted.

### **VI. New Business**

### **A. Florida EIT Consortium**

- A brief history of the idea of the Florida EIT Consortium was given, along with a summary of the work of the EIT Consortium so far, including several office hour meetings which are planned to continue.
- Goals of the EIT Consortium were discussed, such as seeking additional guidance from the state about digital accessibility standards and establishing a shared pool of accessible technology for institutions to access.
- The EIT Consortium hopes to continue to provide professional development through FL AHEAD and is seeking additional member and referrals.
- A motion to formally add the EIT Consortium as a FL AHEAD committee was voted on and approved.

### **B. Regional Consortiums**

- A presentation on the possibilities of a Disability Consortium based around geographic location was given.
- Each geographic area could have a chair to coordinate with the institutions in the area and the group could have their own regular meetings to discuss relevant concerns, resources, tool kits, and best practices/guidelines
- Volunteers were sought out for each region to begin contacting different institutions in the region to determine the interest in form a regional consortium.

### **C. FL AHEAD 2020-2021**

- Members identified in the registration form that opportunities for monthly collaboration/community engagement, monthly virtual meetings, education on technology, and evolving practices as the top things they would like to see from FL AHEAD for the upcoming year.
- Additional ideas were shared during the meeting, such as monthly discussion topics to meet and discuss, hosting webinars for each other, quarterly virtual meetings for FL AHEAD, and asynchronous group discussions that can take place outside of meetings. Some specific discussion topics were brought up, such as online testing and employment transition concerns.

## **VII. Open Forum Q & A**

There was a time for open discussion for individuals to ask pertinent questions.

Discussion topics included plans to re-open campus, placement test concerns, proctoring software options, the use of masks/accommodations in lieu of masks, and housing accommodations.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Marra Piazza Brass adjourned the meeting at 12 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Matthew Lowe