



MEETING MINUTES
Public Policy &
Administration Advisory
Committee

Meeting: Jan. 26, 2021 - Virtual

Members Present: Joe Benavides, John Daly, Susan Demers, Harry Gross, Donald Hall, Jeff Kronschnabl, James Olliver, Robert Pergolizzi, James Steffens, Elizabeth Van Scoyoc, and Mike Waters

Members not Present: Brian Aungst, Frank Edmunds, Sheryl Goff, Chris Harper, David Harewood, Ed Hooper, Dina Hyson, Russ Kimball, Sean Kennedy, Micah Maxwell, Rafael Murga, Amy Shafran, John Tuthill, Nicholas Zoller

Others Present: N/A

Call to order: 5:03 p.m.

Welcome – Jeff Kronschnabl and Susan Demers

Previous Minutes Approved: Reviewed by Jeff Kronschnabl

Motion by: John Daly

Second by: Donald Hall

Meeting Initiatives:

- Introduction of Public Policy and Administration Advisory Committee Members
- 10 year anniversary of Public Policy and Administration program – a brief review of our history and thank you to our Advisory Board Member contributions.
- Program newsletter – Discussion of our program’s 10 year journey and students’ successes along the way. The board discussed distributing the newsletter outside of Pinellas County and to state legislators.
- Gubernatorial fellows program should be explored for our undergraduate students, a program in which students intern with the governor’s office.

- Updates and discussion of our student capstone case studies/topics
- Updates on Public Policy City of Largo Management Associate position – our first student has done an outstanding job – new opening set for May, 2021
- Seminole Business Associate Training program updates which now include opportunities for internships
- Goals and Objectives
- Identify "Ways to Engage" to impact student success –
 1. Have students take a nonprofit elective as the nonprofit and public sector often collaborate.
 2. Students could shadow committee members or local government staff members at public meetings and/or at their jobs. Online shadowing should also be explored.
 3. A possible case study or capstone would be for a student to research the public policy implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Online and Zoom classes – what's new and what's working
- New Urban and Regional Planning Professor - Lorraine Duffy Suarez, has served as a planner for local government for over 25 years. She is currently running for the City of Safety Harbor City Commission.

Open Discussion

Adjournment – 6:01 p.m.

2020-21 Meetings:

- To be announced

Public Policy & Administration Advisory Committee Mission Statement

Part I - To develop, maintain, and incorporate the best practices of theory and real-world applications enabling the committee members to understand and disseminate the importance of public policy and to administer the program fairly, consistently, and impartially.

Part II –To work together through education, communication, and cooperation, to create a framework of major learning objectives that demonstrate the required need for critical thinking, sound decision making, and problem solving techniques commensurate with the myriad of issues relating to government practices, organizational culture and community interaction.

Part III – To measure the success of the committee through the demonstrated ability of the students to effectively organize, communicate, implement, and execute major learning objectives delineated within the curriculum of the Public Policy and Administration Program