Dear President Cavanaugh:

Bold and innovative ideas can change lives. That is why Florida State Representatives Ray Sansom, Dean Cannon and I, together with our legislative colleagues, have launched an unprecedented partnership with the people of Florida in order to generate 100 Innovative Ideas for Florida’s Future.

This effort was created with one goal in mind—to outline a bold vision for the future that reflects the hopes and dreams of people from across our state. We have asked Floridians to communicate their concerns and fresh ideas for addressing those concerns. We will develop a plan based on these ideas, publish the plan, and hold ourselves accountable for the results.

Enclosed is a DVD that was recently mailed to thousands of Floridians, outlining the details of this undertaking. We ask that you view this 7 minute DVD and take a moment to visit our website, www.100ideas.org.

Thousands of Floridians have already responded to the call for thoughtful and creative solutions, but we can never have enough bold and innovative ideas; that is why we are reaching out to you. As a leader of a post-secondary institution, you know the importance of great ideas and the power they have to improve people’s lives. We would be honored to hear ideas from you as we strive to confront the daily concerns of real Floridians.

We would like to extend a challenge to you. Raise 100 ideas within 100 days. Your unique position gives you access to thousands of young minds, and what greater exercise for our state’s future leaders than to help plan its future? We hope you accept our challenge, and if there is anything we can do, we will be happy to help.

We thank you for your time and look forward to any suggestions you can offer us in support of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Speaker, Designate

Representative

Speaker, 2006-2008

Dean Cannon

Speaker, 2010-2012
April 28, 2006

Dear Colleague,

Florida State Reps. Ray Sansom, Dean Cannon and Marco Rubio along with their legislative colleagues have launched a partnership with the people of Florida in order to generate “100 Innovative Ideas for Florida’s Future.” The effort was created to outline a vision for the future that reflects the hopes and dreams of Floridians. The members of the Florida House of Representatives are asking Floridians to communicate to them their concerns and fresh ideas for addressing those concerns during the next 100 days. They will in turn develop a plan based on what they receive, publish the plan and hold themselves accountable for the results.

I would like to highly encourage you to participate in this process by visiting the 100 ideas Web site located at http://www.100ideas.org, in order to review the details of this undertaking. Then, I would ask that you submit your ideas to my office via e-mail at presidentsoffice@uwf.edu where they will be compiled and submitted on behalf of the University of West Florida faculty, staff and students. UWF area vice presidents will be joining this process by following up with their respective divisions to encourage participation and dialogue, so please feel free to also share your ideas with them.

Many Floridians have already responded to the call for thoughtful and creative solutions, and UWF, with our unique access to creative talent, should too. I look forward to any suggestions and ideas you can offer in support of this endeavor.

With best regards,
John