

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee
March 25-26, 2009**

SUBJECT: Florida Distance Learning Task Force Final Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and discuss the recommendations provided in the Florida Distance Learning Task Force Final Report

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Distance Learning Task Force, co-chaired by UCF President Hitt, was created by the 2008 Legislature with the nine members appointed by the Chancellors of the State University System and the Division of Community Colleges. The Task Force was charged with specific legislative assignments that reflected several policy goals. These goals included (1) facilitating maximum affordable access for students to complete degrees and transfer credits; (2) achieving increased cost-effectiveness in the development and delivery of undergraduate distance learning courses and degree programs; (3) improving instructional and faculty effectiveness; (4) advancing technology innovations; and (5) providing accountability for funding and tasks assigned to the Florida Distance Learning Consortium.

To assist in the completion of the assignments, the Task Force empanelled six workgroups made up of college and university staff members with expertise in the specific assigned areas under review. Reports from the workgroups with draft recommendations were presented to the Task Force for consideration and incorporation into the final report. The six workgroups were:

- Administrative Services
- Faculty and Instruction
- Fiscal Policy and Access
- Learning Object Repository
- Online Registration
- Strategic Statewide Goals

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Task Force Recommendations
2. List of Task Force Members

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