

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 25, 2018**

SUBJECT: Task Force on STEM Labs for Online Education

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For approval

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In support of UF Online efforts and those across the SUS, the Steering Committee, which is helping guide the implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education, approved the creation of a system-wide task force to evaluate options for deployment of STEM labs for online students.

A one-year effort to inventory current online lab offerings across the SUS, identify gaps and opportunities, examine options, and produce findings and recommendations for moving forward was conducted by the SUS Online Labs Task Force, led by Evie Cummings, Assistant Provost and Director of UF Online.

Ms. Cummings will present the Task Force's report and Dr. Shawn Weatherford, UF Lecturer of Physics, will provide an online Physics Lab demonstration to the Committee.

Supporting Documentation Included: STEM Labs Report found in materials for the Innovation and Online Committee