

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Innovation and Online Committee  
June 27, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For consideration.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) is, “dedicated to the advancement of high-quality, public liberal arts education in a student-centered residential environment.” There are 29 member institutions, including New College of Florida.

COPLACDigital is a Mellon Foundation-funded initiative to develop distance mentoring, digital liberal arts courses across the COPLAC consortium. Based on the highly successful [Century America](#) seminar, COPLACDigital brings together faculty, students, archivists, and instructional technologists to collaborate in the public creation of knowledge. COPLACDigital courses are open to undergraduate students at every COPLAC member institution, creating a unique classroom experience. Each COPLACDigital course is co-taught by two faculty members from different COPLAC schools, facilitating the sharing of expertise and liberal arts values. COPLACDigital courses meld innovative pedagogies, digital tools, and the values of a public liberal arts education.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

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