

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Strategic Planning Committee**  
September 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:** University of South Florida Consolidation Task Force Update

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 1004.335, Florida Statutes establishes a University of South Florida (USF) Consolidation Planning Study and Implementation Task Force charged with developing recommendations to improve service to students by phasing out the separate accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. No later than February 15, 2019, the Task Force is required to submit a report to the USF Board of Trustees which includes, among others, recommendations with respect to degree offerings, maintaining the unique identity of each campus, establishing budget transparency and accountability, and developing the research capacity at each campus. No later than March 15, 2019, the USF Board of Trustees, after considering the recommendations of the Task Force, is required to adopt and submit to the Board of Governors an implementation plan that establishes a timeline for each step necessary to terminate the separate accreditation from SACSCOC for each campus no later than June 30, 2020 resulting in a single institutional accreditation.

Dr. Jonathan Ellen, Chair of the Consolidation Planning Study and Implementation Task Force, and Mr. Hal Mullis, a member of the USF Board of Trustees, will provide the Board of Governors with a status report.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

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Mr. Hal Mullis