

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Innovation and Online Committee
November 8, 2018**

SUBJECT: Open Educational Resources (OER) and eTextbooks Workshop

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Online Steering Committee has established a State University System OER/eText Workgroup to provide direction for the implementation of the affordability goals stated in the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education. The Workgroup, with representatives from throughout the SUS, is working to identify and promote methods to increase the use of open-access textbooks and educational resources to reduce the cost of instructional materials to students.

This Workshop will provide an update of national and SUS activities that are working to drive down the educational costs of students by providing expanded options for students to obtain and utilize instructional materials for their classes. A number of state university initiatives and university partnerships are now in place that are lowering costs for students. SUS faculty and administrators will provide information, supplemented by video testimonials, on the role of faculty in providing open access textbooks for their classes and working with students to lower their educational costs. Specifically, Florida International University's Affordability Counts initiative will be presented to the Committee. The Workgroup will also discuss the impact of open educational resources on student success and, ultimately, degree completion.

Supporting Documentation Included: SUS OER Reports

Facilitators/Presenters: Steering Committee's OER Workgroup