

MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
INNOVATION AND ONLINE COMMITTEE  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 8, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Ed Morton convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. on November 8, 2018, with the following members present: Governors Ed Morton, Sydney Kitson, Shawn Felton, Darlene Jordan (phone), Jay Patel, Norman Tripp, Jalisa White, and Zach Zachariah. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Governor Tripp moved that the committee approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting, as presented. Governor Felton seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

3. Open Educational Resources: WORKSHOP

Dr. Cindy DeLuca, USF Associate Vice President for Innovative Education, introduced the OER Workshop and defined the open educational resources that are being increasingly utilized in the SUS and are designed to reduce the cost of instructional materials for students. SUS OER Committee workgroups continues to work collaboratively to identify best practices and quality OER content and compile a repository and catalog of OER resources.

Dr. DeLuca highlighted the leadership role of university libraries on many campuses in textbook affordability initiatives. In addition to affordability impacts, students are reporting that OERs provide increased access to degree programs and faculty are reporting that OERs significantly support innovative pedagogy in educational materials. Dr. DeLuca introduced a series of videos of SUS students who expressed the impact of textbook costs on their enrollment, on their matriculation, and on their efforts to complete a degree.

Mr. Joseph Riquelme, Assistant Vice President of FIU Online, reviewed the Affordability Counts initiative that is being developed and administered at FIU. The focus of the Affordability Counts initiative is to support and promote the efforts of faculty to provide students with lower cost instructional materials. FIU established a website with resources for faculty to gather information on low cost resources for course design and

delivery. The Affordability Counts initiative has established an award system for faculty who are offering courses at low or no cost for educational materials and FIU staff have calculated that over 10,000 students have been impacted through this program, with over \$700,000 in savings for students. Mr. Riquelme is now working to expand Affordability Counts and to partner with other state universities and launch a broad database of low cost educational resources for use by SUS faculty.

Dr. Vicki Brown, FAU Assistant Provost for eLearning, discussed the role of faculty in developing and offering low cost instructional materials to their students. She introduced a series of videos of SUS faculty who discussed their efforts to be innovative in the development and delivery of their courses and expressed their commitment to lowering educational costs for their students.

Dr. Michelle Vaughan, Assistant Professor, FAU College of Education, discussed the role of faculty in the development, design, and delivery of OERs. Dr. Vaughan has a leadership role on the FAU campus to coordinate faculty efforts to develop and deliver courses with low or no cost educational materials. She explained that OERs provide the opportunity for faculty to streamline curriculum and optimize student learning in a class.

#### 4. Exemplary Online Student

Dr. Rogers announced plans to recognize an exemplary online student at each meeting of the Online Committee and introduced Ms. Jazmin Campos, a graduate student in the FAU Online MBA program. Ms. Campos discussed her educational journey and explained how the FAU Online program has been so valuable to her and well-suited to meeting her personal, employment, and career needs. The FAU online program has enabled her to pursue a graduate degree while working full-time. Ms. Campos highlighted the quality of the MBA program and explained how she has been able to work with renowned FAU faculty and participate with students from throughout the world in national and international business challenges which led to a role as an ambassador to the 2018 Global X-Culture Symposium in Italy.

#### 5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Governor Morton reviewed the October meeting of the UF Online Advisory Board of which he participated as Chair of the Advisory Board. At this meeting, the Advisory Board reviewed and approved the UF Online 2017-18 Annual Report and the UF Online Business Plan for 2019-2024.

Chair Morton adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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Edward Morton, Chair

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Jon Rogers, Associate Vice Chancellor