

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Innovation and Online Committee
January 31, 2019**

SUBJECT: Textbook Affordability and the Costs of Instructional Materials for Students

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the Online Committee's November 2018 meeting, a Workshop on Open Educational Resources was conducted by the Online Steering Committee's OER/eText Workgroup. SUS faculty and administrators provided information, supplemented by video testimonials, on state university initiatives and partnerships that are increasing the use of open-access textbooks and educational resources to reduce the cost of instructional materials for students.

As a follow-up to the November workshop, at this meeting, results will be presented on two state level activities relating to textbook affordability and the views of students on the costs of instructional materials. The Florida Virtual Campus annually conducts a Florida Student Textbook and Instructional Survey to students in the state's public universities and state colleges. Additionally, the State University System is legislatively required to submit an annual report that summarizes each university's textbook and instructional materials adoption process and specific actions and initiatives to reduce student costs. Findings of the FLVC Survey and the SUS annual report will be presented.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2018 Florida Virtual Campus Student Textbook Survey Summary Report.
2018 State University System Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report.

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