

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Innovation and Online Committee  
February 24, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Planning for a Post-Pandemic World in the State University System:**

**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of a State University System committee to assist the Innovation and Online Committee in discussions on the post-pandemic world in the SUS

Consider approval of a 2021 Innovation and Online Committee work plan

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On November 18, 2020, under the leadership of USF Provost Ralph Wilcox, who chairs the Steering Committee that guides the implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education, provosts discussed the role of technology and innovation in teaching and learning across the SUS in a post-COVID-19 world. To help prepare for that discussion, Dr. Wilcox provided provosts with the questions below:

- What potential opportunities has the global pandemic revealed in higher education?
- What "best practices" have emerged and what are the most significant "lessons learned" with relevance to the future state of higher education delivery across the SUS?
- What might the "new normal" look like in higher education, post COVID-19, and what innovations are most likely going to gain traction and sustain in the mid- to long-term?
- What have emerged as the greatest deficits in higher education over the past eight months and how successful have we been in compensating through the use of technology?
- Please review the 2025 SUS Strategic Plan for Online Education and consider its relevance in a post COVID-19 world.
- How can the 12 SUS institutions collaborate more effectively in anticipation of a potential paradigm shift in higher education?

Dr. Wilcox will provide the Innovation and Online Committee with a summary of the provosts' discussion and their recommendations.

Upon completion of the presentation, Chair Stermon will propose a 2021 work plan for the Innovation and Online Committee to begin planning for a post-COVID world in the SUS.

---

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Proposed Committee Work  
Plan

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Chair Kent Stermon and USF  
Provost Ralph Wilcox