

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Innovation and Online Committee
May 5, 2020**

SUBJECT: Noncredit Programs

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2019, members of the Innovation and Online Committee expressed interest in the extent to which universities are providing options for meeting workforce needs, in addition to traditional academic programs. During the October 30, 2019, Committee meeting, Board staff presented information regarding credit certificate programs, including the number of completers, the number of programs in Areas of Strategic Emphasis, and the number of programs offered online.

Board staff met with university Continuing Education leaders in December 2019 to determine categories for capturing noncredit programs; the categories were subsequently approved by the Steering Committee, the group of provosts guiding the implementation of the *2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education*. A survey was distributed to universities in January 2020 to collect information on noncredit programs, including the number of completers, the number of programs, and the number of programs offered online. The results will be presented to the Committee by Board staff, Dr. Nancy McKee, during its May 5 meeting. Mark Koulianos (USF) and Dr. Nick Place (UF IFAS) will provide responses to the following questions regarding noncredit programs:

1. How does your unit identify employer/workforce needs?
2. How does your unit know those needs are being met?
3. How does your unit inform employers/potential students of offerings?
4. Are credentials earned upon completion of noncredit programs?
5. What are examples of noncredit programs that help meet workforce needs?

Supporting Documentation Included:

SUS Noncredit Programs

Facilitators/Presenters:

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Dr. Nick Place (UF IFAS)