

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 6, 2014**

SUBJECT: Learning Management System

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In January, the Task Force for Postsecondary Online Education in Florida presented its recommendations to the Innovation and Online Committee; one of the recommendations was for an opt-in common learning management system (LMS) that would be used by both the State University System and the Florida College System. At its June meeting, the Innovation and Online Committee began exploring the Task Force recommendation by inviting Dr. Curt Carver, Vice Chancellor and CIO of the University System of Georgia, to share that system's experiences in selecting and implementing a common system. After his presentation, challenges and advantages of having a common LMS in Florida were articulated by three Chief Information Officers - UF's Elias Eldayrie, UNF's Lance Taylor, and Indian River State College's Paul O'Brien.

The discussion will continue at the Committee's November meeting so a determination can be made as to whether there should be a common LMS. In preparation for that meeting, surveys were sent to university faculty and students to ascertain whether there would be a benefit to them to have a common LMS; a survey was sent to university and college CIOs to obtain technical information about current systems; and a survey was sent to university and college representatives on the Members Council for Distance Learning and Student Services to determine the advantages and challenges of the different options related to having a common LMS. Results of those surveys will be presented to the Committee during its November 6 meeting to assist in its discussion and recommendation to the Board.

Supporting Documentation Included: Survey results included in materials for Innovation and Online Committee