

SUBJECT: Shared Programs/Courses

Tactics:

Affordability 1.2.2: Develop or co-develop shared master courses that would be available, but not required, for use in specific high-demand areas.

The Florida Orange Grove could be refined for master course availability throughout the state. With additional standards around the best-case use of a master course, the Florida Orange Grove could be a shared resource for all Florida institutions to exchange content.

Affordability 3.1.1: Develop or co-develop shared programs that would be available, but not required, for use in areas of high demand while maintaining quality and increasing efficiencies through an innovative, shared model.

Background:

Master (shared) courses and shared programs have found traction in a number of other states, with motivation being affordability and consistency in quality.

Recommendations:

Master Courses (Affordability Tactic 1.2.2)

- 1) The Committee will propose to the Board's Innovation and Online Committee a University to establish, maintain, and manage a Repository for the State General Education Core (SGEC) courses.
- 2) The materials in the Repository will be available to all SUS institutions for use in their local curriculum. The adopting institutions will have searchable access to full courses, modules, videos, and/or other ancillary materials to establish, supplement or enrich the resident course in the SGEC.
- 3) Establish a faculty oversight committee with system-wide membership to maintain oversight to assure quality and accessibility.
- 4) This collection of "master" courses will be available on an "opt-in" basis. Institutions may use entire courses or faculty may use any part of a SGEC course to supplement, replace, or enrich his/her lesson plan. The goal of the plan is not to standardize course content, but rather to provide access to high quality content that can be used to supplement and/or fill course gaps in their General Education program.

- 5) Provide/recommend provision of appropriate resources with an ROI metric to build and maintain this collection of courses which will converge on “Master” over time. Shared Programs (Affordability 3.1.1)

Shared Programs (Affordability Tactic 3.1.1)

- 1) Establish a complete portfolio of General Education Master Courses that constitute the State General Education Core (program).
- 2) Authorize a Shared Degree Program Task Force with appropriate SUS representation. This task force would be charged with considering a variety of models, including Georgia’s eCore and eMajor programs, as possible models for SUS Shared Programs. This task force will be assigned a time limited task, “Provide a recommendations for the Steering Committee as to the viability of such models for the Shared Programs tactics.” The report should include implementations details and relevant cost and cost/benefit estimates.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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