

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
November 4, 2021**

SUBJECT: Civil Discourse Initiative Update

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the January 2021 Board of Governors meeting, Chair Syd Kitson announced a new initiative on civil discourse in his annual “State of the System” address. Chair Kitson tasked Governor Tim Cerio to lead this important initiative through the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee’s work has been based on the Board’s April 2019 “Statement on Free Expression,” which the 12 state universities adopted to support and encourage a full and open discourse and the robust exchange of ideas and perspectives on all university campuses.

At today’s meeting, the committee will discuss next steps.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Outline for Discussion

Facilitators/Presenters:

Governor Cerio