

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
March 24, 2011**

SUBJECT: Florida Distance Learning Consortium

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for approval a organizational structure and governance plan for the Florida Distance Learning Consortium

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1004.091, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Originally created with an agreement between the Board of Regents and the State Board of Community Colleges, the Florida Distance Learning Consortium (FDLC) operated for years after the disbanding of the two original parties without official standing other than proviso language in the general appropriations acts. In 2009, the Florida Legislature formally established the FDLC in s. 1004.091, Florida Statutes, providing that it shall serve in an advisory capacity to the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors via the higher education chancellors. Funding for the FDLC is provided via line items in the annual appropriations for both the Board of Governors Office and the Division of Florida Colleges.

The organizational structure and governance plan under consideration enacts the provisions of s. 1004.091 F.S. The plan has been crafted jointly by the higher education chancellors in conjunction with Consortium representatives. The plan is being presented to both the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors for approval. If approved, it will become effective immediately, with a six month transition period to be provided for updating the FDLC Bylaws and business plan.

Supporting Documentation Included: FDLC Organizational Structure and Governance Plan

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