

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 18, 2012**

SUBJECT: Adult Degree Completion Pilot Project

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Not applicable

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Initiated at the suggestion of Governor Duncan, the Adult Degree Completion Pilot project team has been drafting a plan to implement a cooperative pilot program for the State University System. The pilot will initially target individuals who stopped out of a state university with more than 60 credits but no degree. The initial workgroup which consisted primarily of staff from the University of South Florida (USF) and the University of West Florida (UWF) has now been joined by staff from Florida A&M University, the University of North Florida, the University of Florida, and Florida International University.

The plan is to initiate the pilot using an existing baccalaureate program at USF and a program that has been under development at UWF. Concentrations will be created under these two programs that are aligned with state workforce needs, and the courses will be primarily online. Should they then choose to do so; other university members will be able to provide courses toward concentrations in which they have faculty expertise, or courses leading to specific certificates that can be imbedded into a concentration.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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