

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
INNOVATION AND ONLINE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FL
June 22, 2016

1. Call to Order

Chair Lautenbach convened the meeting at 2:41 p.m. on June 22, 2016, with the following members present: Governors Dick Beard, Dean Colson, Wendy Link, Ed Morton, Kathy Robinson, and Norman Tripp. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Governor Morton moved that the committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2016, as presented. Governor Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

3. Opt-in, Common Learning Management System

Dr. Nancy McKee stated that Canvas was selected in January 2016 as the common, opt-in learning management system. At that point, five universities were using Canvas; since then, five more have decided to transition to Canvas. Florida International University and Florida A&M University have not completed their evaluation processes. President Elmira Mangum stated that she anticipated FAMU would complete its evaluation process in October, after faculty had returned to campus. FIU Provost Ken Furton indicated that, similarly, FIU would complete its evaluation process in the Fall term, after evaluating costs and the impact on other systems.

4. Implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education

Dr. McKee indicated that two committees were formed to help guide the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Online Education: an Implementation Committee, chaired by Dr. Joyce Elam from FIU, and a Steering Committee, a subset of provosts, chaired by Dr. Joe Glover from the University of Florida. An implementation plan has been approved by these groups and contains deliverables and due dates to ensure the plan moves forward. The plan's 50 tactics were assigned to seven workgroups. Dr. McKee mentioned some of the issues the workgroups are addressing now: shared courses and programs; adaptive learning; standards for quality of courses; ensuring online students have access to services equivalent to those accessed by

campus-based students; expanding and enhancing professional development; and determining the cost of online education, which will be the focus of the September Innovation and Online Committee meeting. She said that the chairs of the workgroups meet weekly by phone and, in most cases, the workgroups or their subgroups meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. She indicated that a web page for online education has been created and can be accessed through the Board of Governors home page.

Chair Lautenbach stated that he was sure each Board member supports keeping college education affordable and building strategies that help university students graduate in four years. He said the committee would help with Governor Scott's "Finish in Four, Save More" challenge by fully understanding in September the cost to institutions of providing online education and the costs to students of taking online courses vs. face-to-face courses. Chair Lautenbach wants the committee to be presented with the strategies that are being used or developed that provide cost savings and cost avoidances for online education. He said the committee will also be looking at data that show student progress and completion.

Governor Kuntz suggested that the committee publish a document that easily explains what the data mean, where the system is, and where it is going.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Governor Lautenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.