

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Strategic Planning Committee  
February 13, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** Ensuring Quality Online Programs: the University of Florida Approach

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Committee discussed online education at its workshop on December 17, 2012, hearing from national experts and a panel of the state's education and business leaders. At its meeting on January 16, 2013, the Committee followed up on two issues identified during the workshop: the need to improve data collection and the need to ensure students and potential students can easily find courses and programs available online in the SUS. Staff from the University of Central Florida, recognized as a leader in data collection, and staff from the Florida Virtual Campus, which houses the Florida Distance Learning Catalog, gave presentations to the Committee.

The University of Florida has been requested to share its approach for ensuring that it has quality online programs, including its process for developing an online course or program and its support services for online students.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

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