

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
INNOVATION AND ONLINE COMMITTEE
June 27, 2024

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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

Chair Haddock convened the meeting at 1:46 p.m. on June 27, 2024, with the following present: Governors Haddock, Brinkman, Edge, Good, Lydecker, and Phalin. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Innovation and Online Committee Meeting

Chair Haddock requested a motion to approve the Innovation and Online Committee meeting minutes from March 26, 2024. Governor Lydecker moved to approve, Governor Edge seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. 2023 Annual Report for Online Education

Chair Haddock recognized Dr. Jon Rogers, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Online Education, to provide an overview of the 2023 Annual Report for Online Education.

Dr. Rogers stated that the 2023 Annual Report aligns with the Strategic Plan for Online Education adopted in 2015. The report includes data on participation and performance, highlights nationally ranked universities for online bachelor's programs, recognizes outstanding online faculty through campus awards, and showcases exceptional online students.

Dr. Rogers reported that the distance learning staff collaborates effectively with their counterparts in the Florida College System through the Online Implementation Committee. Dr. Rogers recognized University of Florida Online as a national leader in artificial intelligence (AI) integration and faculty training, working with other universities, state colleges, and K-12 schools.

Dr. Rogers also reported that the System has prioritized student support services to ensure online students are well-supported from admission to graduation.

Dr. Rogers shared the success of the textbook affordability initiatives. He noted that course materials for two-thirds of course sections offered across the System for the 2022-2023 academic year cost the student \$20 or less per credit hour or were available at no cost to the student.

Dr. Rogers identified areas for growth. He explained that the distance learning staff is improving employer engagement to understand skill gaps, entry-level expectations, and the competencies needed in artificial intelligence. Dr. Rogers suggested that creating a central repository for artificial intelligence tools, knowledge, and best practices could be a potential solution. He informed the Board that the newly established Florida AI Learning Consortium, involving the State University System and Florida College System faculty, could serve as the platform for developing and managing this repository.

Chair Haddock requested a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Report for Online Education. Governor Good moved to approve, Governor Lydecker seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

4. Recognition of Outstanding Online Student

Chair Haddock recognized Ms. Erica Cornelison, a recent University of Central Florida (UCF) graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Human Psychology, to share her experience pursuing and completing her degree through the UCF online program.

Ms. Cornelison expressed gratitude for the recognition and shared her experience returning to school after her military career. She commented on UCF's online program's support, her success coach, Monique Carter, and the UCF digital team, which helped her balance her studies at unconventional hours. She explained that her degree allows her to integrate her military experience with academic knowledge as a public safety supervisor for the national space program, and she expressed her support for UCF's space program.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Haddock adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Edward Haddock, Chair

Ryan Ford,
Policy Associate