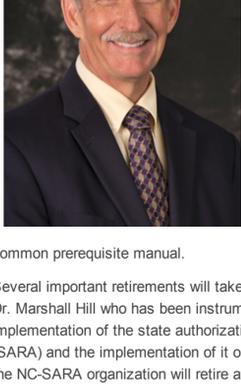




MyDLSSNews

Supporting the learning needs of Florida students.

From the Desk of the Executive Director



As summer begins to heat up, there is a lot of activity taking place on the national, state, and local front. There have been some important meetings in Washington regarding educational policy and state authorization. And, FLVC is wrapping up some important projects involving quality indicators for online courses and a new web-based version of the common prerequisite manual.

Several important retirements will take place over the summer. Dr. Marshall Hill who has been instrumental in the creation and implementation of the state authorization reciprocity agreement (SARA) and the implementation of it on a national scale through the NC-SARA organization will retire at the end of June. Another friend of ours, Mike Abbiatti, who is the Executive Director of WCET will also retire from that position. Searches are underway to replace both of these men who have served higher education in a variety of important roles for many years.

For those that have been involved with the FLVC Division of Distance Learning and Student Services, you likely know that we have discussed rebranding consistent with our current focus areas and mission. Considering many different names, we have engaged a professional identity development company to assist us in this effort. In addition, we have also asked Russ Adkins, a former long-time member, to provide assistance in developing some strategic planning documents and focus activities with all of us.

Considering all the changes going on, over the last year I have presented my slide deck on FutureProofing to our Members Council, WCET, and several other groups. Similarly, there have been articles in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed* along the same lines as my presentation noting the large number of institution closures or mergers and the ongoing funding and enrollment challenges of colleges and universities around the country. I and some of my colleagues are continuing to work on this project, and I will provide updates as new information emerges. Some have suggested that we offer a summit in late fall on the challenges to the existing higher education business model and some of the new models and disruptors that are out there changing the game. If that would be of interest to you, please let me know as we are seriously working on some ideas and potential speakers.

Finally, you may recall that WCET offered a very timely and somewhat frightening webinar on the rise of cheating cartels. WCET is continuing to look into this troubling development which tests the academic integrity of our courses, programs, and students. Recently I became aware of another such service that some of you may have heard about – [Boost My Grade](#). The service offers original papers and other such questionable academic services for hire. In an online chat with company representatives, they claim that in seven years they have never been caught. This is scary stuff, and it is something we need to all be aware of.

As always, let us know if we can be of service.
Dr. John Opper
Executive Director, Distance Learning and Student Services
Florida Virtual Campus

MyCareerShines Updates



Throughout the year FLVC works hard to spread the word about MyCareerShines. This year has been very successful in outreach and training efforts.

- MyCareerShines is represented at FETC, the Florida College Access Network Summit, Florida PTA Conference, Florida Association for Career and Technical Education Conference, the State University System of Florida Admissions Tour, the Adult & Community Educators Conference, and the Florida School Counselor Association Convention. Through these conferences MyCareerShines reaches a few thousand educators, administrators, counselors, etc.
- We are excited to share that last year there were 532 face-to-face and webinar trainings conducted. These trainings reached 5,463 teachers, administrators, educational leaders, coaches, career professionals, etc. In addition, numerous students were served through classroom support, after school clubs and/or organizations, and other local programs.

Student Services Updates

Florida's Quality Designators

All Florida public colleges and universities are now able to provide Quality Indicators within their courses upload for the Program & Online Course Catalog. At this point, FLVC is only collecting the data to later be reviewed as this is still in its pilot stage. Once the data is successfully reviewed in 2020, the indicators will be visible for all users.

Program & Online Course Catalog

The Program & Online Course Catalog recently underwent several changes, specifically involving the Data Standards Document (DSD), for the programs upload portion of the Catalog. These changes were made to improve the data field descriptions, as well as the actual data being requested by FLVC. The DSD was reviewed by several FLVC external stakeholders for feedback. Once the DSD is finalized, more communication will come from FLVC's Student Services.

Florida Career Centers will now be included with the Program & Online Course Catalog, and we welcome them aboard!

Transient Student Admissions Application

This past Spring (January 2019 – April 2019), your institutions successfully approved **16,805 Transient Student Applications** out of the **32,159 applications submitted**. As we continue through the busy season of TSAA applications, if anyone at your institution would still like to request training for the recent SSN masking changes, please contact [Derik Wolfe](#).

Thank you for supporting the mission of the Florida Virtual Campus and being a part of the Transient Admissions Application process, to support your students. Please do not hesitate to contact the [Florida Virtual Campus Help Center](#), throughout the semester, for further assistance.

Other Updates

2019 FLVC OER Summit Videos Available

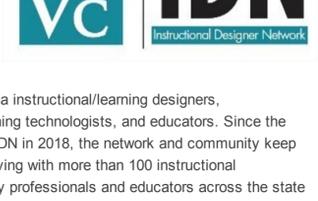
More than 200 faculty, academic librarians, instructional design and technology professionals, administrators, OER service providers and supporters gathered on February 27-28 and put together a successful learning and affordability in education. The presentation slides and other Summit digital resources are publicly available for the public at: <https://flvc.instructure.com/courses/81>.



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FLVC-IDN Off to a Good Start

FLVC-Instructional Designer Network (IDN) is a statewide professional development network and community of practice for Florida instructional/learning designers, instructional/learning technologists, and educators. Since the launch of FLVC-IDN in 2018, the network and community keep growing and evolving with more than 100 instructional technology professionals and educators across the state subscribing to the IDN's listserv, as well as participating in various events and learning/collaboration/professional development activities routinely.



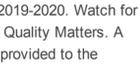
FLVC-IDN hosted four professional development webinars in spring 2019:

- January 2019**
The 2018 Student Textbook and Course Materials Survey: Results and Opportunities. Dr. John Opper, Executive Director at FLVC
- February 2019**
Valentine's CoLAB Online Networking Event. Co-hosted by: Valentine's Florida Office of Teaching Excellence, TOPkit and FLVC-IDN
- March 2019**
Key Strategies to Supercharge Your Technology Training. Mr. James Jorstad, Director of Academic Technology Services at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- April 2019**
Online Professional Development and the Networked Knowledge Activities. Dr. Vanessa Dennen, Professor of Instructional Systems & Learning Technologies at Florida State University

The recordings of the webinars and related resources can be found on [FLVC-IDN website](#). Subscribe to [FLVC-IDN Listserv](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Contact [Tom Tu](#) for more information or questions.

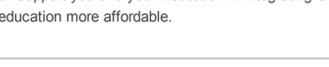
Quality Matters

The QM System License Subscription gives Florida institutions a more cost-effective way to collaborate with one another as they work toward improving course design and meeting quality standards. As the system lead institution, FLVC keeps providing administrative support and services to twenty-eight member institutions.



It is time to renew your QM subscription for 2019-2020. Watch for a subscription renewal notice and invoice from Quality Matters. A [Supplemental LYOC License Subscription](#) is provided to the institutions as an option for 2019-2020. For more information or questions, contact [Tom Tu](#), the System Lead QM Coordinator at FLVC.

The Orange Grove



The [Orange Grove](#) is an Open Education Resource Repository for educators, students and the public in Florida and beyond. Check out this [Introduction to the Orange Grove](#) and learn what it is and how it can support you and your institution in integrating OERs and making education more affordable.



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2018 Student Textbook and Course Materials Survey



The cost of textbooks can significantly increase the cost of postsecondary education. To make college more affordable, the Office of Distance Learning and Student Services is conducting research to identify ways to reduce the cost of educational materials. To review the 2018 Student Textbook and Course Materials Survey visit us online at [FLVC.org](#).

Upcoming Events

September 4-13: 2019 [State University System of Florida Admissions Tour](#)

In the News

- [New Report Highlights Trends in High Textbook Costs and Impact of Student Success](#)
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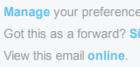
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