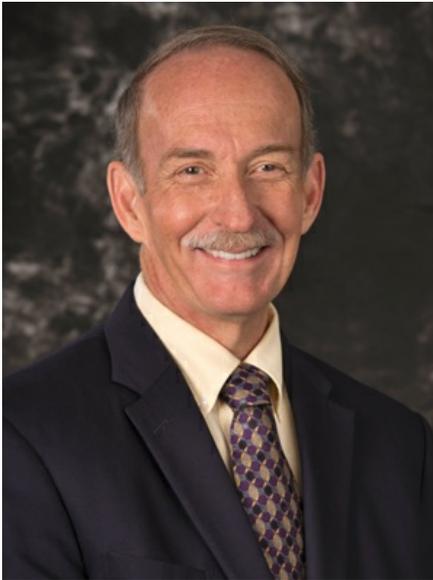


Update from the Executive Director

Summer 2020



FLVC Colleagues,

As we head into summer and look toward the fall, things are evolving rapidly across the higher education landscape. Most of us have now heard about the decision by the California State University System to go fully online for the fall semester. While it may seem premature, the logic that it will give them and the clarity of mission and time to focus on making the online experience for their students as strong as they can with additional time to plan is sound. In Florida, the latest conversations with our institution's representatives suggest that most are entering summer online, and a few are hoping to open labs and some campus facilities before the end of the semester. As for fall, most are heavily engaged in planning for several possible options. We do not yet know if there will be a resurgence of the virus in the fall, but many experts believe that is the likely scenario. The idea of trying to ensure social distancing, use of masks, and enforcing cleaning and disinfection protocols across large campuses and residence halls is

daunting. And what about football and other sports, fraternity and sorority rush, and all of the other major student activities and events? It seems like large gatherings for sports events, concerts, homecoming parades, and other such activities are off the table completely or at the very least facing considerable modifications.

With all of the unknowns and stressful, hurried planning going on, I have to say our college and university e-learning folks have truly been rock stars. They have all worked to move thousands of course sections online in a very short period of time with too few staff and little additional support. The fact that we will be able to complete most of the spring semester is nothing short of miraculous. Summer is upon us, but our campus folks are continuing to train faculty for online and adapt course shells for use. Fall is still a big question, but everyone has some experience under their belt now, and we know the landscape better. Enrollment numbers are all over the place. Some are up and some are considerably down as students try to decide what to do. Whatever the case, we are looking at a very different fall than we have ever seen before, and we will continue to provide as much support as we can.

Find Us On Social Media

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Student Services Updates

FloridaShines Launches Success-at-Home Web Page

Students and educators can find the most popular FloridaShines services to help them thrive in this virtual learning environment — all in one place.

The [FloridaShines Online Resources for At Home Success](#) page provides an array of resources, from helpful worksheets detailing how students can successfully manage their time, take effective notes and develop strong study skills, to a tutorial on MyCareerShines, Florida's comprehensive education and career-planning system that can help students assess their interests and explore careers.

The Success-at-Home page also shows students how they can check their progress to graduation, explore FloridaShines' Institution Profiles and find online course offerings for colleges and universities across the state.

Virtual College Week Will be Held the Week of September 21, 2020

Planning is underway for this year's Florida Virtual College Week, which will be held the week of September 21, 2020.

This year's event will feature themed webinars on how students can successfully apply for financial aid, navigate the college admissions process and plan their career path. Any institution that has staff members interested in presenting at this year's event can contact Ashley Thimmes, statewide projects coordinator, student services, at AThimmes@flvc.org.



FLVC Continues to Develop 2+2 Toolkit

The FLVC team has adapted to the challenging environment to continue to help develop the web-based 2+2 Advising Toolkit.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic has prohibited gatherings of large groups of people, the FLVC team — along with vendor Kinetic Seeds — is converting its original plan of collecting information from students in face-to-face settings into a virtual “design studio” concept. Students will first participate in online surveys that will be distributed with the help of each institution.

The FLVC team will then reach out to students who participated in those surveys and ask them to be part of a one-week virtual community hosted in Canvas. The students will talk about what their transfer experience is like, how it could be better and help brainstorm ideas for the design of the Toolkit.

A second one-week virtual community composed of advisors and stakeholders will then analyze the feedback provided by students, brainstorm ideas and help create the transfer experience framework that will be used to develop the Toolkit. The FLVC team hopes to have the design studio completed by the end of May.

Once the design studio is finished, two to three prototypes for the Toolkit will be provided to the FLVC project team for wireframe testing and development.

The FLVC team looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Board of Governors and the steering committee to develop a Toolkit that will benefit all Florida students.

Other Updates

Quality Matters

The [QM System License Subscription](#) gives Florida's higher educational institutions a more cost-effective way to collaborate with one another as they work toward improving online course design and meeting quality standards. As the system lead institution, the FLVC keeps providing outstanding administrative support and services to the twenty-nine QM member institutions. The New College of Florida is our newest member. Welcome, NCF!

QUALITY MATTERS



It is time to renew your QM subscription for 2020-2021. Watch for the subscription renewal notice and invoice from Quality Matters. For more information or questions, contact [Tom Tu](#), the System Lead QM Coordinator at FLVC.

FLVC-IDN Professional Development Webinar Series

The [FLVC-IDN \(Instructional Designer Network\)](#) is a statewide professional development network and community of practice for Florida's instructional/learning designers, instructional/learning technologists, and educators. During the school year we invite guest speakers and experts in the field to present at the monthly professional development webinars on various topics such as instructional design, technology, digital learning, quality assurance, accessibility, and OER.



Promoting accessibility awareness, accessibility compliance and best practices for accessible course design, delivery, and assessment is one of the top professional development priorities for the IDN community. In spring 2020, we partnered with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and offered three webinars on web accessibility. In addition, experts and guest speakers from the Florida College System (FCS) and the State University System of Florida (SUS) institutions presented at the other three webinars. Visit the [FLVC-IDN website](#) for the webinar recordings, resources and more information.

Subscribe to the [FLVC-IDN Listserv](#) and receive newsletters and announcements on professional development, career opportunities, as well as rich resources shared by the IDN community members. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Contact [Tom Tu](#) for more information or questions.

The Orange Grove

[The Orange Grove](#) is Florida's open educational resources repository for educators, students, and the public. The digital repository provides an environment for educators to search for, use, remix, share, and contribute educational resources. The repository can also be integrated with your Learning Management Systems such as Canvas, Blackboard, Desire2Learn, and more.



The Orange Grove features:

- Open collections available to the public, including courses, textbooks, 3-D objective model, learning modules, and videos.
- Higher education resources for colleges, universities, and vocational schools.
- K-12 resources, including lesson plans, instructional units, objects, and videos.
- Collections that are owned and managed by Florida's postsecondary institutions that make their resources open to the public.

How to get started? Go to [The Orange Grove](#) website and follow these instructions.

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