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Dr. Zachariah P. Zachariah  
Chair, Trustee Nominating Committee  
Florida Board of Governors  
State University System  
325 West Gaines Street  
Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear Dr. Zachariah:

At the meeting of the University of West Florida Board of Trustees on September 4, 2008, the Board of Trustees (the "UWF Board") voted unanimously to direct me to convey their formal request for Board of Governor's approval to enable the UWF Board to extend the terms of K.C. Clark and Honor Bell as Chair and Vice Chair respectively, should the UWF Board desire to do so. The UWF Board will conduct officer elections at their December, 2008 meeting. The UWF Board wishes to explore this option in light of the unusual circumstances that prevail as the UWF Board deals with the exceedingly difficult challenges presented by the unexpected departure of Dr. Cavanaugh and the current budget crisis that the State of Florida is facing. Continuity of leadership is especially vital at this time.

We recognize the fact that a two year term as Vice-Chair would overlap the end of Trustee Bell's current appointment and will adjust the length of his additional term as Vice-Chair if necessary.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or desire any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith A. Bense".

Judith A. Bense, Ph. D.  
President

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