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Dear Secretary Horne:

I write to inform you of the recommendation of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees on the presidential selection process. At a meeting held today, January 4, 2003, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee to select Gordon E. Michalson, Jr. as its choice for President of New College of Florida for reference to the Chancellor and for ratification by the Florida Board of Education consistent with the provisions of s. 229.0081(2)(d), Florida Statutes.

The Presidential Search Committee was appointed by me on September 29, 2001, in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and approved by the Board on that date. New College Trustee Rolland V. Heiser was named Chairman of the Search Committee, which consisted of 33 members. The Committee held 13 meetings during a 14-month period. On January 5, 2002, the New College Board of Trustees approved the selection of A. T. Kearney, executive search firm, to provide assistance throughout the presidential search process. Initially, 153 individuals expressed interest in the position; 59 completed applications were received. The Search Committee identified 23 candidates for further study and, on August 16, 2002, reduced the list to 14 and added six new names, to yield a total of 20 candidates for further consideration. On September 11, 2002 the Committee reduced the list of candidates to five. On November 8, 2002, the list was reduced to four when one of the candidates, John Cranor, Trustee of the College, withdrew his name from consideration.

The four finalists were: Alan Dillingham, Professor of Economics and former Provost at St. Mary's College of Maryland; Marvin Henberg, Professor of Philosophy and Vice President for



