



STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM  
of FLORIDA  
Board of Governors

Application Form  
University Board of Trustees Position  
State University System of Florida

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Name: PANTIN, Leslie V.  
Last First Middle and/or Maiden

Date Completed: 7/17/12

### INSTRUCTIONS

The information submitted will be used by the Board of Governors in considering action on your application. If appointed, please be advised that your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and you will be required to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Please type or print clearly. Please do not leave any questions blank - answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate.

All applications must be signed and witnessed by a Notary. Submit the original completed application via mail, email, or facsimile by the posted deadline to:

State University System of Florida, Board of Governors  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400  
Fax 850.245.9685 [Chancellor@flbog.edu](mailto:Chancellor@flbog.edu)

**PLEASE NOTE:** any application submitted by facsimile or email must be received by the posted deadline and followed by the original signed application to above address.

### EXCLUSIONS

The following conditions exclude eligibility for appointment as a University Board of Trustee member.

Registered Lobbyist: No ☒ Yes ☐ Dual Office Holding: No ☒ Yes ☐

#### Authority:

Section 112.313(17), Florida Statutes, prohibits any citizen member of a university board of trustees from having any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration under section 11.045, Florida Statutes.

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.)

## **EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS**

**AS A GENERAL MATTER, APPLICATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT ARE PUBLIC RECORDS THAT MAY BE VIEWED UPON REQUEST. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES, ETC. IF YOU BELIEVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW APPLIES TO YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX.**

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**Yes, I assert that identifying information provided in this application should be excluded from inspection under the Public Records Law.**

**IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AS TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY PUBLIC RECORDS LAW EXEMPTION TO YOUR SITUATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.**

Vikki R. Shirley  
General Counsel  
State University System of Florida, Board of Governors  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400  
(850) 245-0466

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: PANTIN, Leslie Victor Date Completed: 7/17/12  
Last First Middle and/or Maiden

1. University Board of Interest: Are you applying for reappointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

FAMU ☐ FAU ☐ FGCU ☐ FIU ☐ FPU ☐ FSU ☒ NCF ☐ UCF ☐ UF ☐ UNF ☐ USF ☐ UWF ☐

2. Residence Address: [REDACTED] Coral Gables, FL 33143  
Street City State County Zip Code  
(305) 929-9726 (305) 215-2161  
Area Code/Phone Cell Phone

3. Current Employer or Occupation: PANTIN/Beber BSG - PUBLIC RELATIONS

Business Address: 89 N. E. 27 STREET, MIAMI, FL 3  
Street Office City State

109-3312337-305 929-9726  
Post Office Box Suite Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Leslie@ThinkBSG.com  
E-mail Address

4. Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Home ☒ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

5. List all places of residence for the past five (5) years.

Address City and State From To  
[REDACTED] Coral Gables, FL 1994 - present

6. List all former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address City and State From To  
NONE

7. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] \* Place of Birth: HAUSUA, CUBA \*

8. Social Security No. [REDACTED] \*

9. Driver License [REDACTED] Issuing State: FL \*

**\*ALL INFORMATION MARKED WITH AN ASTERIK IS REQUIRED FOR CONDUCTING BACKGROUND SCREENING AND WILL BE REDACTED PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TRUSTEE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. REFER TO ATTACHED NOTICE ON USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.**

10. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes" explain.

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11. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain.

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12. If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: Feb 3 1971

13. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1960

14. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐

15. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes" give details:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Disposition</u>

16. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", give details:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nature of Violation</u>	<u>Disposition</u>

17. Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: Reinstated ☐ Removed ☐ Resigned ☐

18. Are there any pending lawsuits against you or are you a party to a lawsuit in any court in which you are the plaintiff or defendant? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "yes", what type and where?

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19. Have any judgments been entered against you as a result of any civil or administrative proceeding(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "yes", identify the proceeding(s) that resulted in the judgment and the date the judgment was entered.

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20. Are you now engaged in activities, or have you engaged in activities in the past, that will reflect unfavorably on the board to which you seek appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "yes", explain.

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21. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", explain.

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## EDUCATION, LICENSURE, MEMBERSHIPS

### 22. Education:

A. High School: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS/Miami Year Graduated: 1966  
(Name and Location)

B. List all postsecondary educational institutions attended:

<u>Name and Location</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u>Certificates/Degrees Received</u>
<u>ST. GREGORY'S College (OKLA)</u>	<u>66-68</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE</u>
<u>FLORIDA STATE UNIV.</u>	<u>68-70</u>	<u>BACHELORS</u>

23. Have you received any degree(s) or professional certification(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", list:

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24. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the State of Florida? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes", provide the title and number, original issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action (fine, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or disbarment) has ever been taken against you by the issuing authority, state the type and date of the action taken:

<u>License/Certificate Title &amp; Number</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Issuing Authority</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action/Date</u>
<u>INSURANCE AGENT</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>FLA. Dept INSURANCE</u>	<u>NONE</u>

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25. Identify all association memberships and association offices held by you that relate to this appointment:

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY :  
- PAST V.P. ALUMNI ASSOC. -  
- PAST BOARD FSU FOUNDATION SEMINOLE BOOSTERS  
- FOUNDER SEMINOLE CLUB OF MUMI - 1975

26. Name any business, professional, occupational, civic, or fraternal organization(s) of which you are now a member, or of which you have been a member during the past five (5) years, the organization address(es), and date(s) of your membership(s).

Name	Mailing Address	Office(s) Held & Term	Date(s) of Membership
KIOWAN OF LITTLE HAVANA	1400 SW 1 STREET, MIAMI 33135	FOUNDER / PRESIDENT	1975 - PRESENT
ORANGE BOWL COM	14360 N.W. 77 CT. MIAMI LAKES, FL 33016		1986 - PRESENT
GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER	1601 BISCAYNE, MIAMI		1986 - PRESENT
GOODWILL SO. FLA	2121 NW 21 ST, MIAMI, 33142		2000 - PRESENT

27. Are you now, or have you within the past four (4) years, been a member of any club or organization that, to your knowledge, in practice or in policy, restricts membership or restricted membership during the time that you belonged, on the basis of race, religion, national origin or gender? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "yes", detail the name and nature of the organization, relevant policies and practices, and state whether you intend to continue as a member if appointed by the Board of Governors.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

28. Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment, including self-employment, during the last five years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment:

Employer Name and Address	Type of Business	Occupation/Title	Period of Employment
PANTIN/BEER BSG GROUP 89 NE 27 STREET MIAMI, FL 33137	ADVERTISING	PRESIDENT	1/1/2000 TO PRESENT

29. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes", identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment, and reason for leaving:

Position	Employing Agency	Period of Employment
PARTTIME MAIL CLERK	FLA DEPT OF INSURANCE	1969-1970

30. Have you ever been responsible or played a role in managing a business or other corporate entity? Yes ☒ No ☐ "Yes", state the name of the business, the dates of your involvement, and provide a brief description of your involvement.

PARTIO/DEBER P.R. President 1988 - present  
AMERICANUS ILL. " 2003 - " "  
CUBA NOSTALGIA ILL. " 1998 - " "

31. Are you or have you ever been a member of the United States armed forces? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 If "Yes" list:

A. Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Branch or component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. Date and type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

32. Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the Federal or any foreign government? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", please list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

33. Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes", list:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:  
 Title of Office: MIAMI TRADE COLLEGE - FLORIDA STATE UNIV  
 Term of Appointment: 1992 - 1993 - 2006 - 2011  
 Confirmation results: yes - yes

34. Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 If "Yes", state the office title, date of election or appointment, term of office, and level of government (city, county, district or state):

Office Title	Date of Election or Appointment	Term of Office	Level of Government
<u>TRUSTEE/MDC</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>COMM. COLLEGE</u>
<u>TRUSTEE/FSU</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>STATE UNIV.</u>

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s) or council(s):

- A. How frequently were meetings scheduled? FSU 5 per year  
 B. If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings attended, number missed, and the reason(s) for absence(s).

Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Reason for Absence
<u>ALL</u>	<u>0</u>	

35. Have you ever served on any profit or not-for-profit board? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes", state the title, date of appointment, length of service, and provide a brief description of your involvement.  
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE 2000 - PRESENT - BOARD TRUSTEE  
GOODWILL PRESENT / GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER BOARD  
GREAT FLORIDA BANK - VICE CHAIR OF BOARD 2004 - PRESENT  
PADY UNIVERSITY - CHAIR / BOARD 2000 - 2006

36. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five years? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", please explain:  
 A. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 B. Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principals you represented:

Agency Lobbied

Principals Represented

37. Describe your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment.

I HAVE TAKEN A SPECIAL INTEREST IN EDUCATION IN MY LIFE FROM BEING ON THE BOARD OF A GRADE SCHOOL, A HIGH SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY AND A MAJOR RESEARCH STATE UNIVERSITY. MY PASSION AND EXPERIENCE IS IN THIS AREA.

38. Describe your understanding of the role of a member of a university board of trustees.

HAVING SERVED AS A FSU TRUSTEE FOR FIVE YEARS I UNDERSTAND & HAVE EXPERIENCED THE ROLE OF TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY FIDUCIARY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY TO ITS STUDENTS.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

39. Describe any involvement with and/or relationship to the university to which you are applying (other than as a student).

NO PRESENT INVOLVEMENT. IN THE PAST I HAVE ON THE BOARD OF FSU'S ALUM. ASSOC, FOUNDATION AND BOOSTERS.

40. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", identify:

Name of Business

Your Relationship to Business

Business' Relationship to University



41. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", explain:

<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Family Member's Relationship to you</u>	<u>Family Member's Relationship to Business</u>	<u>Business' Relationship to University</u>

42. Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully the duties of the position to which you have been or will be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "yes", explain:

## REFERENCES

43. List three persons who have known you well during the past five (5) years. Include a current, complete address and telephone number. Exclude your relatives and members of the Florida Senate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Area Code/Telephone Number</u>
DUSTIN DANIELS - FORMER FSU STUDENT PRES.	51123 PLNE. WASH DC	2002	(352) 346-1638
MARK WILSON - FLA CHAMBER PRES.	136 S. BROUGH ST. TALL.	32302	(850) 521-1209
ARMANDO COTINA - COTINA PARTNERS	135 SAN LOPEZ BLVD, C. G. 585	33146	(305) 529-1313

**Statement on the Collection, Use, or Release of Social Security Numbers  
(Master Document – Revised August 2010)**

Florida law requires that public entities provide individuals with a written statement identifying the state or federal law governing the collection, use, or release of social security numbers for each purpose for which the entity collects an individual's social security number. The collection of social security numbers by the Board of Governors is either specifically authorized by law or imperative for the performance of the Board's responsibilities as prescribed by law and the Florida Constitution. The following list identifies the purposes for which social security numbers may be collected, used, or released, and the pertinent authority.

**Applicants for University Board of Trustee Positions**

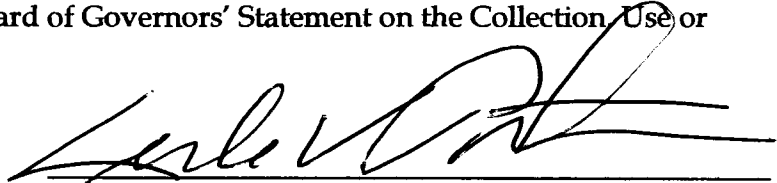
- For Level 1 and level 2 criminal background checks conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for employees and/or Board appointees to university boards of trustees [Required by Fla. Admin. Code 11C-6.003 and Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]
- *The disclosure of the social security number is expressly required by federal or state law or a court order* [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]
- The individual expressly consents in writing to the disclosure of his or her social security number [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

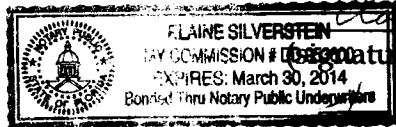
COUNTY OF MIDMI-DOPE

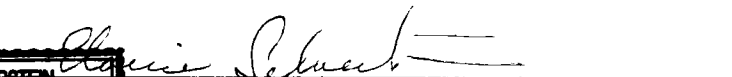
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared 7/17/12 who after being duly sworn, says: 1) that he/she has carefully prepared or read the answers to the foregoing question; 2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; 3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida. Be it further known that in signing this document the undersigned understands that a background check by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be performed on all nominees who are recommended to the Florida Board of Governors and that he/she has received a copy of the Board of Governors' Statement on the Collection, Use or Release of Social Security Numbers.



Affiant's signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 17 day of July, 2012 by  
Leslie Pantin.



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(typed, printed or stamped name)

Notary Public

Commission No.:

My Commission Expires:

Personally Known ✓ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**LESLIE PANTÍN**  
**89 NE 27<sup>TH</sup> Street**  
**Miami, FL 33137**  
**305-929-9726**  
**leslie@thinkbsg.com**

In 2000, Leslie Pantín became president of Pantín/Beber Silverstein/Public Relations, a strategic alliance between The Pantín Partnership and the Beber Silverstein Group. Today, the agency represents, among others, McDonald's, American Airlines, and Great Florida Bank ([www.thinkbsg.com](http://www.thinkbsg.com)). He is a member of the Counselors Academy of the Public Relations Society of America, consisting of just 1,000 professionals from around the world.

A native of Havana, Cuba, Pantín was introduced to the world of public relations and special events in 1977, when he and a group of friends created Calle Ocho, the world's largest block party ([www.carnavalmiami.com](http://www.carnavalmiami.com)). This event has evolved into the 10-day festival known as Carnival Miami, organized by the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, where he was the founding president and served for 25 years as director.

A graduate of FSU's business school and of St. Gregory's College in Oklahoma, Pantín received the highest alumni honor from both institutions. He is a graduate of Miami's Columbus High School.

In 2006, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Pantín to a five-year term to the Board of Trustees of The Florida State University (FSU). During that term, he served as Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. From 2002 to 2006, Pantín was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barry University. In 1992, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Pantín to the Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College, where he served for two years. He was on the advisory board of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy and served on the board of directors of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School. Presently, he serves on the Miami Dade County Public Schools Superintendant's Business Advisory Council.

In 1999 Pantín conceived CubaNostalgia, an annual expo of the Cuba of yesteryear. The annual weekend event attracts 30,000 people, as well as prestigious sponsors. In 2004, it was named the tenth hottest event in Florida by *BizBashFla Magazine*, and one of the Top 20 events in the Southeastern United States by the Southeast Tourism Society. In her coverage of the event, Pulitzer Prize winner Liz Balmaseda of the *Miami Herald* called Pantín, "Miami's marketer extraordinaire." ([www.cubanostalgia.org](http://www.cubanostalgia.org))

In 2003, Pantín created Merrill Lynch arteaméricas, the first art fair to focus exclusively on art from Latin America and Spain. The annual fair attracts more than 50 of the most prominent galleries from around the world dealing with art from Latin America. ([www.arteamericasmiami.com](http://www.arteamericasmiami.com)).

He was an organizer and is vice chairman of the board of Great Florida Bank which set a U.S. record by raising \$60 million in start up capital. With \$1.7 billion in assets, Great Florida Bank is the ninth largest based in Florida ([www.greatfloridabank.com](http://www.greatfloridabank.com)). He also serves on the advisory board of AvMed Health Plans. He has served on the board and the executive committee of Barnett Bank – South Florida, then Florida's largest bank, and on the advisory board of NationsBank Dade and Monroe.

Pantín has served on the executive committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, where he is a past vice-chairman, and currently serves on the Board of Directors and is a director of the Latin Chamber of Commerce (CAMACOL). Pantín has also served as an executive committee member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida and the España-Florida 500 Years

Foundation ([www.spain-florida.org](http://www.spain-florida.org)). He is a past president of the Inter-American Business Association (AIHE).

Pantín has been active in a host of civic organizations, community affairs, and special events in the South Florida region. In 1997, he served as president of the Orange Bowl Committee, which hosted college football's National Championship game, and is the founding chair of the Orange Bowl Foundation ([www.orangebowl.org](http://www.orangebowl.org)). He also is a past member of the Miami Business Forum (formerly the Non-Group), Miami's preeminent civic/business association. In 1996, he co-chaired the City of Miami's Centennial and actively campaigned for the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act, a \$200 million bond program which won approval from voters. In the past, he has held leadership positions for events such as the Summit of the Americas (where President Clinton hosted 31 heads of state from Latin America), Super Bowl XXIII, the Miss Universe pageant, the 1987 Papal visit and The Breeders Cup.

Pantín was a member of the South Florida National Parks Trust, Trust for Public Land's South Florida Advisory Council and of the Dade Heritage Trust's Board of Advisors. In 1999 the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme appointed him to the Florida Judicial Management Council. Pantín was on the board of directors of the Collins Center for Public Policy.

A resident of Miami for over 50 years, Pantín is committed to his community and its unique diversity. He continuously pursues and develops programs through his business and affiliations which benefit South Florida's various communities. He is an advisor and honorary board member of the Black Executive Forum. In addition, he sits on the board of trustees of Goodwill Industries of South Florida and Miami Children's Museum. In 1995, he served on an ad-hoc committee, which helped Cuban rafters settle as productive workers in the United States. Later that year, he led the effort to bring Super Bowl XXIX to South Florida by developing the McDonald's Super Bowl Huddles, day long clinics for underprivileged children featuring NFL players at local city and county parks.

In 1988, *The Miami Herald* identified Pantín as one of the 18 private citizens who have shaped Miami, and in 1993 as one of the 100 people to shape the history of South Florida. In 1998, Pantín was among seven individuals awarded the Spirit of Excellence by *The Miami Herald*. In their 2010 session, the Florida House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring Pantín for "his valuable contributions to the residents of the State of Florida" and honored him "as one of Florida's greatest innovators".

Pantín is a past Chair of the Communications Committee of the City of Coral Gables, where he attended elementary school, and now lives with his wife Martha and two children, son Les and daughter Alexandra, both graduates of FSU.

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August 2, 2012

Florida Board of Governors  
Trustee Nominating and Development Committee  
Office of the Chancellor  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Governors:

I respectfully submit my application to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of The Florida State University.

Throughout my life I have endeavored to improve educational opportunities for students by serving on the board of trustees at a gamut of institutions that include elementary and high schools, community college, and private and public universities thus my desire to again serve on the Board of Trustees of FSU.

In my prior service at FSU my focus was on the students. I served as Chair of Student Affairs and met with students on a regular basis to hear their concerns as in my opinion a quality education is the primary mission of a university.

Fiscal responsibility is a duty of upmost importance as our universities face serious financial challenges, and at FSU we have worked very hard to have an effective and efficient university. While an increase in tuition has been one of the sources to help the finances, and the fact that tuition rates at our state universities are among our nations lowest, I am concerned about our students' loan debt and the now high cost of Florida's prepaid plan.

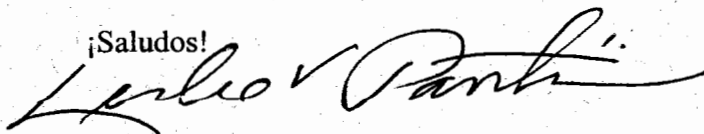
I was part of four presidential searches, three at FSU and one at Barry University, as Chair.

A lesson in governance should be learned from other public universities and their dealings with heinous crimes by its administration and board; no department or person is above the institution.

I firmly believe that my experience and dedication will help students obtain an excellent educational experience at FSU, ultimately leading to a successful career that will contribute to our state and nation.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any more information.

¡Saludos!



Leslie Pantín