

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Transition in Leadership at the Florida Institute of Oceanography

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) is an Academic Infrastructure Support Organization for the State University System of Florida whose membership includes all state universities, several independent educational institutions and independent research laboratories, and state and federal research laboratories. Dedicated to marine science education, research, and community outreach, FIO manages two ocean-going research vessels and the Florida Keys Marine Laboratory for use by Florida's researchers and their students. The FIO also manages the Florida RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Program (FLRACEP), which is a federal program funded from civil and criminal settlements associated with the Deep Water Horizon oil spill. An estimated \$4,000,000 from the 2012 Transocean settlement and \$22 million over 15 years from the 2015 BP civil settlement funds a competitive grant process to support marine science research in the Gulf of Mexico, much of which will be conducted on FIO vessels or at the Keys marine lab.

Dr. William T. Hogarth is retiring as Director of FIO and has done much to support FIO's growing national prominence, particularly with his leadership in the wake of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Dr. Phillip Kramer, an accomplished marine geologist who most recently worked on strategic projects for the Nature Conservancy's Global Oceans Program, has been hired to replace Dr. Hogarth as the new FIO Director.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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