

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Research Excellence Committee  
January 30, 2019**

**SUBJECT:** State University System Research Collaboration Highlight: Center for Aquatic Chemistry and Environment

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At each meeting, the Academic and Research Excellence Committee will highlight a research collaboration among two or more State University System institutions. This allows the Board to learn about innovative partnerships and collaborations across the system.

The Committee will have a presentation from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST), specifically the Center for Aquatic Chemistry and the Environment, which has research that focuses on sensing environmental exposure to anthropogenic contaminants, pollutants and other natural stressors on Florida's water systems. This Center is a collaborative effort between Florida International University, University of South Florida, and Florida Atlantic University scientists and also includes Florida Keys Community College, Miami Dade College, and Miami Dade Public Schools.

Dr. Todd Crowl, Principal Investigator and Director of the Center for Aquatic Chemistry and Environment, Florida International University, and Dr. Donny Smoak, Professor, University of South Florida, will deliver the presentation.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Dr. Todd Crowl  
Dr. Donny Smoak