



A Preeminent Research University

March 25, 2019

Dear Chancellor Criser:

Please accept this summary of the University of South Florida's presidential search process, as required by Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.002. We embarked on this search process with a clear vision of a leader who could continue USF's success as a thriving preeminent research university and take our university to the next level. Throughout this process we were attentive to the views of all USF communities; transparent in our processes and grounded in our strategic priorities and mission.

After a thorough nationwide search, which resulted in a strong finalist pool of four highly regarded academic leaders, the Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Steve Currall as the seventh president of the University of South Florida on March 22, 2019. Dr. Currall brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that will sustain the strong momentum we have as a thriving global research university and propel USF to even greater preeminence. He is a distinguished academic leader with experience at high-performing research universities, including members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). He has a deep understanding and respect for student success, academic freedom, shared governance, diversity and inclusion, and research and innovation. Dr. Currall will be a valued leader of the Tampa Bay community and ensure that USF continues to be a strong economic driver for our state.

Our university hereby respectfully requests Board of Governor's approval for President-elect Currall on March 28, 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about the search process.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Lamb
Chair, USF Board of Trustees

cc: The Honorable Ned Lautenbach, Chair of the Florida Board of Governors
The Honorable Sydney Kitson, Vice Chair of the Florida Board of Governors
The Honorable Darlene L. Jordan, Florida Board of Governors and member of the USF
Presidential Search Committee
USF President-elect Dr. Steve Currall