

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

March 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Reappointment of the President for University of South Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Confirm the reappointment of Dr. Judy Genshaft as the president of the University of South Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1001.706, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Subsection 1001.706(6)(a), Florida Statutes, provides, "The Board of Governors shall confirm the presidential selection and reappointment by a university board of trustees as a means of acknowledging that system cooperation is expected."

On March 3, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida approved an amendment to Dr. Genshaft's employment contract, unanimously reappointing Dr. Genshaft to serve as the president of the University of South Florida. The reappointment extends the term of Dr. Genshaft's contract through June 30, 2017. Chair Harold Mullis is requesting confirmation of Dr. Genshaft's reappointment by the Board of Governors.

Under Dr. Genshaft's leadership, the university has become one of the fastest growing research universities in the nation. Research grants and contracts have increased by \$269 million since 2000 to reach a total of \$440 million in 2015. USF is ranked 1st in the state and 10th in the nation for patents, and number 15 worldwide.

USF is one of the nation's leading veteran and military friendly universities with *Military Times EDGE* magazine ranking USF #2, "Best for Vets: College Rankings 2016." The university is also a top producer of Fulbright Faculty Scholars and Peace Corp recipients.

Dr. Genshaft has been instrumental in strengthening the university's ties to the business community. During her tenure as chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Tampa Bay Partnership, she actively sought to recruit companies to the region,

particularly those requiring the resources of a research university such as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Draper Laboratory and SRI- St. Petersburg. In addition, Dr. Genshaft is the co-founder of the Tampa Innovation Alliance, an organization leading the effort to redevelop the challenged neighborhoods near USF. Dr. Genshaft has also championed the university's fund-raising efforts through the *Unstoppable Campaign*, which resulted in over \$900 million being raised, including securing the largest gifts in the university's history during the past five years.

Dr. Genshaft has received numerous honors at the local level including *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Woman of the Year, Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame inductee, and the Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce Dottie Berger MacKinnon Woman of Influence Award. Dr. Genshaft has held various leadership positions at the national level as well serving as chair of the American Council on Education, as a member of the executive committee of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the first woman elected chair of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Additional highlights of Dr. Genshaft's leadership of the University of South Florida are included in the Board materials.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Letter from the University of South Florida Board of Trustees Chair
2. Leadership Highlights/ Summary of Key Contract Terms

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