

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
March 30, 2017**

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 9, 2017, 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, 2018. Chair Brian Lamb is requesting confirmation of Dr. Genshaft's reappointment by the Board of Governors.

Under Dr. Genshaft's leadership, the university was recognized by the Board last year as an Emerging Preeminent State Research University. Research grants and contracts have increased by \$287 million since 2000 to reach a total of \$458 million in 2016, and USF is ranked 9th nationally for patents.

USF is one of the nation's leading veteran and military friendly universities with *Military Times* magazine ranking USF as the #1 Top College for Veterans. The university is also a top producer of Fulbright 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.

Dr. Genshaft has received numerous honors at the local level including *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Woman of the Year and Educator of the Year 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

Facilitators/Presenters:

Tom Kuntz, Chair, Board of Governors
Brian Lamb, Chair, University of South Florida Board of Trustees