



March 6, 2017

Mr. Thomas G. Kuntz  
Chair  
Board of Governors  
State University System of Florida  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Chair Kuntz,

On behalf of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, it is my honor and pleasure to commend to the Board of Governors Dr. Michael Martin for confirmation as University President, in accordance with Board of Governors *Regulation 1.002 – Presidential Search and Selection*. As you know, on February 28, 2017 the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Board of Trustees unanimously and enthusiastically selected Dr. Martin to serve as the University's fourth President upon the June 30, 2017 retirement of President Wilson Bradshaw.

We greatly appreciate the advice and support provided for our presidential search by you, Chancellor Marshall Criser III, and Governor Edward Morton, who served as the Board of Governors' representative on the FGCU Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

In our search, the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees and Presidential Search Advisory Committee recruited candidates with demonstrated evidence of significant, successful leadership experience in a complex organizational setting; an understanding of and ability to advance FGCU's mission and strategic priorities tied to state-wide performance metrics; a deep abiding interest in student success, academic excellence, outstanding research, and diversity and inclusion; the proven ability to lead the University's fundraising efforts; and the interpersonal skills to develop productive relationships with internal and external constituents in our region, state and beyond. We are confident we have found such a leader in Dr. Martin, whose successful higher education experience and leadership span 40 years at key institutions across the country, including as Chancellor of Colorado State University System; Chancellor of Louisiana State University; President of New Mexico State University; and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at University of Florida.



As Chair of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, I respectfully request confirmation of Dr. Martin at your March 29 and 30, 2017 meeting. With the exception of employment contract terms which will be provided to the Board of Governors after our March 14 meeting, please find attached the required information. Board of Governors General Counsel Vikki Shirley is aware of our Board's schedule for March 14 action on the employment terms for Dr. Martin.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or if additional information is needed at this time. Dr. Martin and I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee later this month.

Sincerely,



J. Dudley Goodlette  
Chair  
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Membership of Presidential Search Advisory Committee
- Attachment 2: Position Advertisement
- Attachment 3: Leadership Profile
- Attachment 4: Presidential Search Timeline
- Attachment 5: Dr. Michael Martin's Letter of Application and Curriculum Vitae

c: Mr. Marshall Criser, III, Chancellor, State University System of Florida  
Mr. Edward Morton, Board of Governors, and Presidential Search Advisory  
Committee  
Dr. Ken Smith, Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, and Chair of  
Presidential Search Advisory Committee  
Ms. Vikki Shirley, General Counsel, Board of Governors  
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
Dr. Michael Martin, President-elect, Florida Gulf Coast University