

## 2016-2017 FGCU Presidential Search

### Advertisement

**Florida Gulf Coast University**, located in Fort Myers, FL, invites nominations and applications for the leadership position of **President**.

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is a comprehensive university dedicated to quality education, research, and service. FGCU was established as the tenth institution in the State University System (SUS) of Florida, and first opened for students in 1997. In its first 20 years, FGCU has made a profound impact on the Southwest Florida region and the state of Florida through academic distinction; excellent faculty and staff; economic development and jobs creation; service learning; environmental sustainability with a campus living laboratory; robust fundraising; and Division I athletics. The University consistently places among the top SUS institutions for bachelor's and master's degree recipients securing jobs or continuing their education within the state within a year of graduation.

Currently, the University enrolls nearly 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 80 degree and certificate programs and supports 1,300 faculty and staff on a beautiful 800-acre campus that includes the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Health Professions and Social Work, Lutgert College of Business, U. A. Whitaker College of Engineering, Bower School of Music and the Arts, School of Resort and Hospitality Management, and School of Nursing. Research and sponsored program expenditures have grown to over \$200 million total since the University opened.

The FGCU President reports to a 13-member FGCU Board of Trustees and is responsible for the academic, financial, and organizational integrity of FGCU, for advancing its mission and strategic priorities tied to state-wide performance metrics and for ensuring that the University continues to thrive and serve the Southwest Florida region. FGCU seeks a president who will work with internal and external constituents, including the Florida Legislature, to continue its trajectory and fund-raising success. Candidates for the position should demonstrate evidence of significant, successful leadership experience in a complex organizational setting; an understanding of and ability to advocate for the University's mission; a deep abiding interest in student success, academic excellence, outstanding research, and diversity and inclusion; proven ability to lead the University's fund-raising efforts; and the interpersonal skills to develop productive relationships with all members of the University community. A

Ph.D., an advanced degree, and/or equivalent executive experience that would warrant the respect and complete confidence of the University community is required.

More information about the University including the leadership profile may be found at <http://www.fgcu.edu/presidentialsearch/>.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by January 31, 2017. Anticipated start date is July 1, 2017. Candidates should provide *curriculum vitae* and a letter of interest that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Statement. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to the Witt/Kieffer consultants, Lucy Leske and Robert Luke at [FGCUPres@wittkieffer.com](mailto:FGCUPres@wittkieffer.com).

*Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is a community committed to ensuring equity and fairness in employment. By cultivating diversity, we ensure an inclusive learning environment that contributes to student success. FGCU is an EOE AA M/F/Vet/Disability Employer*

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