

June 16, 2021

Chair Sydney "Syd" Kitson
Florida Board of Governors
State University System of Florida
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair Kitson,

At its June 16, 2021 meeting, the Florida International University (FIU) Board of Trustees unanimously voted to extend President Mark B. Rosenberg's contract through August 2023. Specifically, the FIU Board of Trustees approved the attached "President's Employment Agreement Term Sheet." In accordance with BOG regulations, we are now requesting the Board of Governors' confirmation of our offer to extend Dr. Rosenberg's contract. I am very happy to provide this summary of accomplishments for Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg in support of his contract extension.

Following his contract extension into 2022, Dr. Rosenberg has continued to represent our university with distinction at the national and local level. I have included some of these key accomplishments below:

Student Achievements

- Over 17,500 degrees awarded
- FIU students have continued making significant gains in four-year graduation rates, as well as reductions in the average cost of a bachelor's degree and in excess hours
- FIU's Model UN team ranked #3 in the U.S. and top public university Model UN program
- FIU's student athletes excelled by posting the highest term grade point average in our history earning a 3.53 GPA for Spring 2020
- 24 FIU students were selected out of more than 15,000 applicants to receive Millennium Fellowships; and 5 FIU students received awards from the Clinton Global Initiative U
- FIU's College of Law graduates consistently topped the state in bar passage rates
- FIU students took first place at the Associated Builders and Contractor's Construction Management Competition

Institutional Achievements

- FIU continued to contribute to Florida's top ranking for Higher Education by *US News* by focusing on student success, and research excellence
- FIU earned 97 points on the SUS performance-based funding model making it the highest score ever earned by an institution, the most significant gain from previous year by an institution and the first time our institution has been ranked #1
- FIU has been recognized with 83 top-50 public university rankings, including *US News* recognition for #2 for International Business, #3 MBA, and top fifty law school
- FIU was ranked as the top U.S. Institution awarding bachelor's degree to Hispanic Students by *Excelencia in Education*
- FIU's research expenditures surpassed \$237M
- FIU is now 90% of the way to our \$750M goal for our Next Horizon Capital Campaign with over \$677M raised (\$100M+ raised this fiscal year)
- FIU was the recipient of an unsolicited \$40M gift from MacKenzie Scott and her husband, Dan Jewett, to help us advance our important work in learner success, student advocacy and academic and career programmatic support systems
- FIU received a transformational \$10M gift from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, naming the Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Science
- FIU's faculty and staff campaign raised over \$2M in the past year with over 78% of our faculty/staff making a gift to the campaign
- FIU executed 13 license options on FIU intellectual property, matching the total numbers for the prior three years combined
- The Institute of Environment, a pillar of our University Distinction in Environmental Resilience, has created the first of its kind Environmental Finance and Risk Management Program
- FIU established the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to lead our journey towards a more diverse and inclusive FIU
- FIU was named a *Great College to Work For* for the fifth consecutive year
- FIU hosted the Global Health Conference of the Americas with over 2,400 attendees from over 57 countries in attendance
- Opened the Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom
- FIU ranked #1 in the nation for Quality Matters certified online courses
- FIU provided essential services to our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic including running both testing and vaccination sites and training dogs to detect COVID-19, one of only two known U.S. universities (UPenn) to be successful in these efforts, and our researchers will soon publish on their process and findings

Dr. Rosenberg continues to be a national leader in STEM education, and co-chair's the National Academies' Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education. Additionally, he served on the American Council on Education Task Force on Transfer of Credit.

We hope that you will support us by confirming Dr. Rosenberg's appointment for another one-year term from August 2022 through August 2023.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Colson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean C. Colson
Chair, FIU Board of Trustees