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Application Form
University Board of Trustees Position
State University System of Florida

Name: Ruiz (Last) Mary (First) Lydia (Middle and/or Maiden) **Date Completed:** 09/27/10

INSTRUCTIONS

The information submitted will be used by the Board of Governors in considering action on your application. If appointed, please be advised that your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and you will be required to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Please type or print clearly. Please do not leave any questions blank - answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate.

All applications must be signed and witnessed by a Notary. Submit the original completed application via mail, email, or facsimile by the posted deadline to:

State University System of Florida, Board of Governors
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
Fax 850.245.9685 Chancellor@flbog.edu

PLEASE NOTE: any application submitted by facsimile or email must be received by the posted deadline and followed by the original signed application to above address.

EXCLUSIONS

The following conditions exclude eligibility for appointment as a University Board of Trustee member.

Registered Lobbyist: No ☑ Yes ☐ **Dual Office Holding:** No ☑ Yes ☐

Authority:
Section 112.313(17), Florida Statutes, prohibits any citizen member of a university board of trustees from having any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration under section 11.045, Florida Statutes.

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.)

EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

AS A GENERAL MATTER, APPLICATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT ARE PUBLIC RECORDS THAT MAY BE VIEWED UPON REQUEST. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES, ETC. IF YOU BELIEVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW APPLIES TO YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX.

☐ **Yes, I assert that identifying information provided in this application should be excluded from inspection under the Public Records Law.**

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AS TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY PUBLIC RECORDS LAW EXEMPTION TO YOUR SITUATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Vikki R. Shirley
General Counsel
State University System of Florida, Board of Governors
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(850) 245-0466

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Ruiz (Last) Mary (First) Lydia (Middle and/or Maiden) **Date Completed:** 09/27/10

1. **University Board of Interest:** Are you applying for reappointment? Yes ☑ No ☐

FAMU ☐ FAU ☐ FGCU ☐ FIU ☐ FSU ☐ NCF ☑ UCF ☐ UF ☐ UNF ☐ USF ☐ UWF ☐

2. **Residence Address:** [redacted] (Street) Bradenton (City) FL (State) Manatee (County) 34205 (Zip Code)

(941) 749-0235 (Area Code/Phone) (Cell Phone)

3. **Current Employer or Occupation:** President/CEO Manatee Glens

Business Address: 391 6th Avenue West (Street) (Office) Bradenton (City) FL (State)

P. O. Box 9478 (Post Office Box) (Suite) 34206 (Zip Code) (941) 782-4299 (Area Code/Phone Number)

mary.ruiz@manateeglens.org (E-mail Address)

4. **Specify the preferred mailing address:** Business ☑ Home ☐ Fax # _____

5. **List all places of residence for the past five (5) years.**

Address	City and State	From	To
same as current address			

6. **List all former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.**

Address	City and State	From	To
No permanent residences outside of Florida			

7. **Date of Birth:** [redacted] * **Place of Birth:** Morgan City, LA *

8. **Social Security No.:** [redacted] *

9. **Driver License No:** [redacted] * **Issuing State:** Florida *

*ALL INFORMATION MARKED WITH AN ASTERIK IS REQUIRED FOR CONDUCTING BACKGROUND SCREENING AND WILL BE REDACTED PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TRUSTEE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. REFER TO ATTACHED NOTICE ON USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

10. **Have you ever been known by any other legal name?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes" explain.

11. **Are you a United States citizen?** Yes☑ No☐ If "No" explain.

12. **If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization:** _____

13. **Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida?** 1973

14. **Are you a registered Florida voter?** Yes☑ No☐

15. **Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance?** (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of $150 or less was paid.) Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes" give details:

Date	Place	Nature	Disposition

16. **Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", give details:

Date	Nature of Violation	Disposition

17. **Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: _____ Reason for Suspension: _____

Date of Suspension: _____ Result: Reinstated☐ Removed☐ Resigned☐

18. **Are there any pending lawsuits against you or are you a party to a lawsuit in any court in which you are the plaintiff or defendant?** Yes☐ No☑ If "yes", what type and where?

19. **Have any judgments been entered against you as a result of any civil or administrative proceeding(s)?** Yes☐ No☑ If "yes", identify the proceeding(s) that resulted in the judgment and the date the judgment was entered.

20. **Are you now engaged in activities, or have you engaged in activities in the past, that will reflect unfavorably on the board to which you seek appointment?** Yes☐ No☑ If "yes", explain.

21. **Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", explain.

EDUCATION, LICENSURE, MEMBERSHIPS

22. **Education:**

A. High School: Riverdale High School, New Orleans, LA (Name and Location) Year Graduated: 1973

B. List all postsecondary educational institutions attended:

Name and Location	Date Attended	Certificates/Degrees Received
New College	1973-1978	B.A.
USF	1992-1994	M.B.A.

23. **Have you received any degree(s) or professional certification(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", list:

24. **Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the State of Florida?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", provide the title and number, original issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action (fine, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or disbarment) has ever been taken against you by the issuing authority, state the type and date of the action taken:

License/Certificate Title & Number	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	Disciplinary Action/Date

25. **Identify all association memberships and association offices held by you that relate to this appointment:**

Founding President, New College Alumnae/i Association

Member New College Board of Trustees

26. **Name any business, professional, occupational, civic, or fraternal organization(s) of which you are now a member, or of which you have been a member during the past five (5) years, the organization address(es), and date(s) of your membership(s).**

Name	Mailing Address	Office(s) Held & Term	Date(s) of Membership
Florida Council for Comm	316 East Park Ave., Tallahass	Chairman, 2001-2002	1996-Present
Florida Alcohol & Drug Ab	2868 Mahan Dr., #1, Tallahas	Executive Committee	1996-Present
League of Women Voters	P.O. Box 1511, Bradenton, F	None	1994-Present
Kiwanis Club of Bradenton	P. O. Box 1250, Bradenton, F	None	1996-Present

27. **Are you now, or have you within the past four (4) years, been a member of any club or organization that, to your knowledge, in practice or in policy, restricts membership or restricted membership during the time that you belonged, on the basis of race, religion, national origin or gender?** Yes ☐ No ☑ If "yes", detail the name and nature of the organization, relevant policies and practices, and state whether you intend to continue as a member if appointed by the Board of Governors.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

28. **Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment, including self-employment, during the last five years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment:**

Employer Name and Address	Type of Business	Occupation/Title	Period of Employment
Manatee Glens, 391 6th Ave	Mental Health/Substanc	President/CEO	1987-Present

29. **Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida?** Yes ☑ No ☐ If "Yes", identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment, and reason for leaving:

Position	Employing Agency	Period of Employment
Senior Human Services Analyst	Manatee County	1979-1987
MIS Specialist	Sarasota County	1977-1978

30. **Have you ever been responsible or played a role in managing a business or other corporate entity?** Yes ☑ No ☐ "Yes", state the name of the business, the dates of your involvement, and provide a brief description of your involvement.

Board Member, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, 1996 to Present
Board Member, Florida Health Partners, 2009 to Present

31. **Are you or have you ever been a member of the United States armed forces?** Yes ☐ No ☑
If "Yes" list:

A. Dates of service: _____

B. Branch or component: _____

C. Date and type of discharge: _____

32 **Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the Federal or any foreign government?** Yes ☐ No ☑ If "Yes", please list:

33. **Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?** Yes ☑ No ☐ If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: Trustee, New College Board of Trustees

Term of Appointment: December 2008

Confirmation results: No action by Senate

34. **Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state?** Yes ☑ No ☐
If "Yes", state the office title, date of election or appointment, term of office, and level of government (city, county, district or state):

Office Title	Date of Election or Appointment	Term of Office	Level of Government
Trustee New College Board of Trustees	December 2008	December 2009	Appointee

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s) or council(s):

A. How frequently were meetings scheduled? Quarterly

B. If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings attended, number missed, and the reason(s) for absence(s).

Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Reason for Absence
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35. **Have you ever served on any profit or not-for-profit board?** Yes☑ No☐ If "Yes", state the title, date of appointment, length of service, and provide a brief description of your involvement.
Florida Council for Community Mental Health, 1996-present, Florida Alcohol & Drug Abuse Assoc., 1996-pre
Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, 1996-Present, Florida Health Partners, 2009-Present
Manatee County Chamber of Commerce, 2008 to present
Florida Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, 2005-2010

36. **Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five years?** Yes☑ No☐ If "Yes", please explain:
A. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes☐ No☑
B. Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principals you represented:

Agency Lobbied	Principals Represented
Legislature	Manatee Glens-Employer
Department of Children & Families	Manatee Glens-Employer

37. **Describe your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment.**
As CEO of one of the area's top 100 businesses, I have committed my leadership skills to my alma mater as founding President of the New College Alumni/ae Association and as a member of the New College Board of Trustees. New College is included in my estate planning. I have assisted the New College Foundation promoting planned and annual giving to the college.

38. **Describe your understanding of the role of a member of a university board of trustees.**
This is a deeply responsible fiduciary position charged with governance of the State's independent honor's college. Duties include: strategic planning, financial oversight, advocacy, faculty and student relations. Most importantly, it includes fostering an academic vision that fulfills the mission of New College.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

39. **Describe any involvement with and/or relationship to the university to which you are applying (other than as a student).**
Founding President, New College Alumnae/i Association
Campaign Advisory Task Force New College Foundation
Appointee New College Board of Trustees

40. **Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", identify:

Name of Business	Your Relationship to Business	Business' Relationship to University

41. **Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment?** Yes☐ No☑ If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Family Member's Relationship to you	Family Member's Relationship to Business	Business' Relationship to University

42. **Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully the duties of the position to which you have been or will be appointed?** Yes☐ No☑ If "yes", explain:

REFERENCES

43. **List three persons who have known you well during the past five (5) years. Include a current, complete address and telephone number. Exclude your relatives and members of the Florida Senate.**

Name	Mailing Address Zip Code	Area Code/Telephone Number
Bill Galvano	1023 Manatee Ave., W, #715, Bradenton 34205	941-812-5563
Ron Reagan	7011 15th St., E., #b-1, Sarasota 34243	941-356-1928
John McKay	1001 3rd Ave., West, Bradenton 34205	941-713-2763

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF Floreda

COUNTY OF Manatee

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Mary Ruiz who after being duly sworn, says: 1) that he/she has carefully prepared or read the answers to the foregoing question; 2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; 3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida. Be it further known that in signing this document the undersigned understands that a background check by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be performed on all nominees who are recommended to the Florida Board of Governors and that he/she has received a copy of the Board of Governors' Statement on the Collection, Use or Release of Social Security Numbers.

Mary Ruiz

Affiant's signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 28th day of September, 2010, by Mary Ruiz.

Debbie A. Marquis

(signature of notary)

DEBBIE ANN MARQUIS
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Personally Known ✓ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____