

Biographical Sketch Larry Robinson, Ph.D.

Larry Robinson serves as Florida A&M University's (FAMU) 12th president and as a distinguished service professor at the University. Additionally, he is the Director and Principal Investigator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Center for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (CCME). The CCME is a partnership among six universities committed to making major impacts on coastal and marine ecosystems and communities by educating underrepresented minorities in NOAA relevant science and policy.

Dr. Robinson is a member of the U.S. Congress authorized STEM Education Advisory Panel which was established "to provide advice and recommendations to the Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (CoSTEM)" among other responsibilities.

In May 2010, Robinson took a leave of absence from FAMU to serve in a U.S. Senate-confirmed position as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management at NOAA. While there, he supported NOAA's coastal and marine programs, including marine sanctuaries for preserving areas of special national significance, fisheries management, and preparation of nautical charts. He also supported NOAA's participation in addressing the BP oil spill crisis, and served on the Ocean Policy Task Force and the Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force during his tenure.

In 2007-2009, Dr. Robinson served as Senior Scientific Advisor at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. In 2008, Robinson was selected to serve on the Oceans Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) and as a member of the National Science Foundation's National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Science Technology Education Advisory Committee.

Robinson has served as chair of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents for the State University System of Florida; chair of the Biology and Medicine Division of the American Nuclear Society; and charter member of the National Council for Science and the Environment's Council of Environmental Deans and Directors.

Robinson is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy; the National Science Foundation's National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Education Tiger Team; the International Advisory Board to Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (FCR-STEM); the Leon County Research and Development Authority; the Leon County Water Resources Committee; and Florida A&M University's campus coordinator for Florida Sea Grant.

Robinson has served on numerous scientific advisory boards including the State of Florida's Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Committee; External Advisory Board of the Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Florida Center for

Environmental Studies, Florida Atlantic University; the Florida Institute of Oceanography, University of South Florida; Savannah State University's Center for Marine, Environmental Science and Biotechnology Program; Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board; and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Off-site Consequence Analysis Technical Advisory Group for RCRA Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities.

Robinson served on the National Research Council (NRC) Committee on the Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem; the NRC Committee on Mine Placement of Coal Combustion Waste; and the NRC Committee to Review the Florida Aquifer Storage and Recover Regional Study Technical Data Report.

Dr. Robinson began his career at FAMU in January 1995, as a visiting professor in the Environmental Sciences Institute and served as Director of the Institute from 1997 to 2003. He served the university in other capacities as well, including Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2003 to 2005 and in 2012, Chief Executive Officer/Interim President in 2007, Vice President for Research in 2009, and Interim President from 2012 to 2014 and from 2016 to 2017.

From 1984 – 1997, Robinson served as a research scientist and group leader at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). His responsibilities at ORNL included trace element analysis in environmental science, epidemiology, forensics, material science and paleontology. His expertise also includes environmental radiochemistry, nuclear safeguards, and non-proliferation.

Dr. Robinson attended Lemoyne-Owen College, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry (summa cum laude) from Memphis State University and a doctorate in nuclear chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.