



July 1, 2020

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, 2020 meeting, the Florida International University (FIU) Board of Trustees unanimously voted to extend President Mark B. Rosenberg's contract through August 2022. 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 2021, Dr. Rosenberg has continued to represent our university both at the national and local levels, and has led us to many accomplishments, which I have listed below:

Student Achievements

- Over 16,800 students were awarded degrees from FIU
- Students have had significant gains in four-year graduation rates, as well as reductions in average cost for a bachelor's degree and in excess hours
- FIU's Model UN ranked #1 in North America by BestDelegates.com
- FIU's Robotics and Digital Fabrication Lab created a 3D-printed model of Hard Rock Stadium, which was used for safety trainings throughout preparation for the Super Bowl
- FIU students took first place in first-ever Solar District Cup competition
- Three FIU students earned Boren Awards
- FIU's student athletes excelled with our football team qualifying for the Camellia Bowl and achieving a historic 30-24 victory over the University of Miami, and our swimming and diving team winning its sixth consecutive conference title, all while achieving their highest collective GPA yet
- FIU's Upsilon Pi Epsilon chapter put together the largest hackathon in Florida, *ShellHacks* with over 800 student participants from across the nation

Institutional Achievements


- FIU now has 45 top-50 ranked programs nationwide among public universities
- FIU was designated an emerging preeminent university by the Board of Governors
- FIU is now 77% of the way to our \$750M goal for our Next Horizon Capital Campaign with over \$579M raised (\$70M+ in the past year)
- FIU's faculty and staff campaign has raised over \$2M in the past year with over 80% participation
- FIU's research expenditures increased to \$226M, up from \$196M in our previous fiscal year
- FIU included in new top 100 worldwide utility patent report – 3rd in the state, 15th in the nation, 40th worldwide
- The university was established as a national standard for campus emergency management
- FIU received the APLU Institutional Award for Global Learning, Research and Engagement
- FIU hosted several government officials, including Colombian President, Ivan Duque, and then Governor Ron DeSantis for a COVID-19 press conference

Dr. Rosenberg continued to hold Chair positions on the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) Coalition of Urban Serving Universities and the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence and has co-chaired the Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education. Additionally, he was named to 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 2021 through August 2022.

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

Sincerely,

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Chair, FIU Board of Trustees