

May 28, 2020

Mr. Sydney Kitson, Chair Florida Board of Governors State University System of Florida 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Re: Florida Polytechnic University President, Dr. Randy K. Avent.

Dear Chair Kitson:

Dr. Randy K. Avent is the inaugural President of Florida Polytechnic University and has served as such since July 7, 2014. Dr. Avent's current term of employment expires on July 7, 2020.

Dr. Avent's dedication to the University is at the highest possible level; and his leadership of the University, especially during the extraordinary challenges of the ongoing pandemic, has been steady, extremely effective and inspirational. At its meeting on May 21, 2020, the University's Board of Trustees approved renewal of Dr. Avent's employment agreement for one year, ending on July 7, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 1001.706(6)(a), Florida Statutes, the effectiveness of the Agreement is subject to confirmation by confirmation by the Board of Governors of President Avent's reappointment. Accordingly, on behalf of the University's Board of Trustees, I respectfully request that the Board of Governors confirm President Avent's reappointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the University's Office of the General Counsel if you have any questions or would like more information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Wilson, Jr., Chair Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees

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cc: Dr. Randy K. Avent.

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