

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

January 30, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request for Classification of the Torrey Pines @ FIU as a Special Purpose Center by Florida International University

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the Request for Classification of the Torrey Pines @ FIU as a Special Purpose Center by Florida International University.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida International University (FIU) requests the approval of Torrey Pines @ FIU as a Special Purpose Center pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.009. A Special Purpose Center is a unit of a university, apart from the main campus, that provides certain special, clearly defined programs or services, such as research or public service, and reflects a relatively permanent commitment by a university for the foreseeable future. The facility must be university owned, leased, or jointly used with another public institution. Special Purpose Centers typically do not offer instructional programs or courses leading to a college degree.

Torrey Pines @ FIU will be located in the Florida Center for Innovation and Tradition at 11350 SW Village Parkway in Port St. Lucie, Florida. The center will provide FIU faculty with a state-of-the-art research facility that includes fully functional wet laboratories, a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance laboratory, vivarium, and auditorium. This facility will enhance FIU's research base in the STEM fields of chemistry and chemical biology and accelerate FIU's translational medicinal chemistry and chemical biology research, drug discovery and basic research efforts leading to the cure of diseases in areas of cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. FIU will not offer instructional programs or courses leading to a college degree at this location.

Effective upon approval from the Board of Governors, Torrey Pines @ FIU will open March 1, 2020.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair will provide a recommendation to the full Board.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Materials