

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 23, 2021

Subject: Placing the Name “Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences” on a Portion of the Exterior of the Building Housing the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the placing of the name “KNIGHT FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES” on a portion of the exterior of the building housing the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences.

Background Information:

The Knight Foundation recently expressed its continued dedication to the University, and commitment to the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences within the FIU College of Engineering, through a generous grant to fund additional faculty positions, curriculum improvements, career advising programs, and research and teaching facilities in the approximate 88,000 square foot multidisciplinary FIU College of Engineering building, to be constructed on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

In light of this significant grant, the University proposes to (i) rename the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences as the “Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences” (the “School”) and (ii) prominently display “Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences” on the exterior of the building housing the School (the “Building”), in a manner to be mutually agreed upon by FIU and the Knight Foundation.

In accordance with the University’s and the FIU Foundation Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy, Policy No. 710.015 (the “Naming Policy”), the Dean of the College of Engineering, the Senior Vice President for University Advancement, with the concurrence of the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President of the University, have recommended and approved the renaming of the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences as the “Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences.”

Furthermore, the request for Board of Trustees approval for the prominent display of the Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences on the exterior of the Building is made pursuant to and in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors Regulation 9.005, and the Naming Policy, which delegates to the BOT the authority to grant permanent naming recognition in connection with a University building, subject to the conditions contained therein.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF THE NAME
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SCIENCES” ON A PORTION OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING
HOUSING THE FIU SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the “BOT”) approves placing the name “KNIGHT FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES” on a portion of the exterior of the building housing the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences, consistent with the University’s and the FIU Foundation, Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy, Policy No. 710.015;
2. That the President, Senior Vice President for University Advancement and other authorized representatives of the University, are hereby authorized to take all actions and steps, to execute all instruments, documents, and contracts, and to take all other actions as they may deem necessary or desirable, in connection with the granting of the naming rights as set forth herein; and
3. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Supporting Documentation: None

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