



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING**

FIU, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center 243

Thursday, February 26, 2026

4:15 PM

or

Upon Adjournment of Previous Meeting

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks | Chair Carlos A. Duart |
| 2. Public Appearances | Carlos A. Duart |
| 3. Election of Board Vice Chair | Carlos A. Duart |
| 4. Foundation Report | Adalio T. Sanchez |
| 5. President's Report | Jeanette M. Nuñez |
| 6. Action Items: Consent Agenda | Carlos A. Duart |

BT1. Minutes, November 20, 2025

BT2. Minutes, January 20, 2026

Audit and Compliance Committee

AC1. Acceptance of Performance-Based Funding and Preeminent Metrics
Data Integrity Audit Report and Approval of Data Integrity
Certification

Finance and Facilities Committee

FF1. Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-1101 Tuition Fees Schedule
for the 2026-27 Academic Year

FF2. Auxiliary Facilities Income and Expenditure Statements

FF3. Seventh Lease Amendment with BP Land Holdings, LLC for the
National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC)

FF4. Campus Development Agreements between the FIU Board of
Trustees and Miami-Dade County and the City of North Miami

FF5. Ground Lease between the FIU Foundation, Inc. and the FIU Board
of Trustees for the expansion of the Wolfsonian-FIU

- FF6. Authorization to Purchase or Lease a Facility for Student Housing in Washington DC
- FF7. Investment Policy Amendment

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee

- AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nomination
- AP2. Program Termination: Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- AP3. Program Termination: Bachelor of Arts in Global Educational Studies
- AP4. Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct
- AP5. Proposed Regulation FIU-1302 Florida Residency Status for Tuition Purposes

Governance Committee

- G1. Board Appointments, Florida International University Foundation, Inc.

7. Action Item: Non-Consent

Governance Committee

- G2. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Carlos A. Duart

8. Status Reports, Board Committees

- Audit and Compliance Committee Yaffa Popack
- Finance and Facilities Committee Jesus Lebeña
- Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Albert R. Taño
- Governance Committee Carlos A. Duart

9. New Business Carlos A. Duart

10. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment Carlos A. Duart



February 26, 2026

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meetings held November 20, 2025 and January 20, 2026

Proposed Board Action:

Approval of Minutes of the FIU Board of Trustees, Full Board Meetings held on November 20, 2025 and January 20, 2026.

Background Information:

Board members will review and approve the Minutes of the FIU Board of Trustees, Full Board Meetings held on November 20, 2025 and January 20, 2026.

Supporting Documentation: Minutes: Full Board Meetings, November 20, 2025 and January 20, 2026

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Full Board
November 20, 2025
FIU, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Carlos A. Duart convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 2:03 PM on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Florida International University Board of Trustees and verified a quorum. Present were Carlos A. Duart, *Board Chair*; Marc D. Sarnoff, *Board Vice Chair*; Noël C. Barengo; Francesca Casanova; Dean C. Colson; Alan Gonzalez; George Heisel (*Zoom; joined after roll call*); Jesus Lebeña; Alexander M. Peraza; Yaffa Popack; Chanel T. Rowe; Alberto R. Taño; and Fred Voccola.

Board Chair Duart welcomed all Trustees, members of the University administration, and the University community. Board Chair Duart extended a special welcome to Mr. Roger Tovar, who after having served on the Board of Trustees for over seven (7) years, concluded his service in June. On behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees, Board Chair Duart, extended his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Tovar for his leadership, dedication, strategic vision, and unwavering support. Mr. Tovar shared his personal experience with the opportunities and impact that FIU provided. He, together with Mr. Manuel "Manny" Kadre, made a \$250,000 donation in support of CasaCuba.

Board Chair Duart noted that Trustee Dean C. Colson was appointed to the FIU Board of Trustees in 2017, served as Chair from 2020-2023, and concludes his second term in January 2026. On behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees, Board Chair Duart, extended his gratitude and appreciation to Trustee Colson for his remarkable service and unparalleled commitment to FIU and higher education. Trustee Colson expressed his appreciation for Mr. Tovar and conveyed his admiration for FIU.

University President Jeanette M. Nuñez thanked Mr. Tovar and Trustee Colson for their service on the Board of Trustees and support of FIU. Board Vice Chair Marc D. Sarnoff stated that collaborating with Mr. Tovar and Trustee Colson was both an honor and a privilege.

Board Chair Duart indicated that Mr. Nestor Plana was appointed to the FIU Board of Trustees on November 6, 2025 by the Florida Board of Governors. Board Chair Duart added that Mr. Plana succeeds Trustee Colson on the Board of Trustees for a term effective January 7, 2026.

Board Chair Duart commented on the investiture of President Nuñez, upcoming commencement ceremonies, and other upcoming events, including sports now playing and the 2026 Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival Presented by Capital One (SOBEWFF®).

2. Public Appearances

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Foundation Report

FIU Foundation Inc. Board of Directors Treasurer Marcel L. Navarro presented key highlights from the October FIU Foundation Board of Directors meetings. He indicated that, to date, \$24M has been raised towards the 2025-2026 fundraising goal of \$90M. He added that commitments accepted and awaiting signatures total \$7.1M, and that, to date, pipeline proposals delivered total \$82M and projected pipeline proposals total \$83M. Director Navarro commented on major gifts closed and pending opportunities during the current fiscal year. He encouraged the FIU community to donate to a University program for Give Miami Day.

Director Navarro stated that, over the past year, the FIU Foundation has been on a significant journey to better position itself to support FIU on its ambition to become a Top 30 public university and that the goal throughout the process is to build a high performing, best in class Foundation that is innovative, efficient, and aligned with the University's long-term mission. He added that the transformation has unfolded through several phases and provided an update on the current production phase. Director Navarro indicated that, for the three (3) months ending September 30, 2025 philanthropy totaled \$15.8M and cash received was \$7.2M. He added that, as of November 19, 2025, cash received was \$13.8M and total philanthropy was \$24M. He pointed out that, as of September 30, 2025, the FIU Foundation has total assets of approximately \$530.1M and that on a fiscal year-to-date basis, performance of the main investment portfolio is estimated to be 4.66% net of fees.

4. President's Report

President Nuñez commented on the second and third installments of the Presidential Speaker Series. She mentioned that, during the second installment, Mr. Alan Levine—the incoming Chair of the Florida Board of Governors—shared lessons from his three decades in government and healthcare, engaged with students and offered valuable perspectives. For the third and final session of the year, she noted that political insiders, Mr. Ryan Tyson and Ms. Beth Matuga, joined together for an energetic discussion on current hot-button topics. President Nuñez remarked on her travel to New York City where she met with alumni in the area. She noted that, during her visit which coincided with the United Nations General Assembly, the FIU Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom held multiple meetings with heads of state, and she met with Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, and reaffirmed FIU's commitment against antisemitism on campuses and discussed new opportunities.

President Nuñez remarked on the dedication of the Eric C. Padrón, Esq. Courtroom and the establishment of the Eric C. Padrón Endowment, which will provide scholarships in perpetuity for FIU law students who embody Mr. Padrón's same commitment to justice and service. President Nuñez commented on the kickoff of this year's Ignite Campaign, the University's internal fundraising campaign. She explained that, to realize the bold vision she outlined during her investiture, she established the Supporting Outstanding Academic Results (SOAR) Initiative. President Nuñez added that this presidential discretionary fund is designed to help recruit and retain world-class faculty, accelerate research and innovation, and expand opportunities for FIU students

in a manner that will be aligned, agile, and deployable quickly and with purpose. She spoke about her recent trip to Genoa, where she celebrated FIU's 20th anniversary in the city and helped renew the University's partnership with the region. She highlighted her visit to Panama, where she met with U.S. Ambassador Kevin Cabrera—the first alum to hold an ambassador position—and connected with more than 240 alumni there. She added that the visit wrapped up with a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Panama Canal Authority promising to open up new pathways for research and student opportunities in the areas of logistics, water quality, and others.

President Nuñez shared that FIU researchers, led by Dr. Natalia Soares Quinete and in collaboration with the Miccosukee Tribe, have identified 12 “forever chemicals” in the Everglades ecosystem’s water for the first time. She noted that while these chemicals are still below surface-water screening levels, FIU will play an important role in supporting long-term water quality efforts in South Florida. President Nuñez commented that FIU cybersecurity researchers, led by Dr. Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman have developed the “shield” system, a real-time defense framework designed to protect drones from cyberattacks and to launch recovery protocols when any wrongdoing is detected. President Nuñez announced that the University community is pleased to welcome world class faculty, including Pulitzer-winning journalist Manny Garcia who will be leading FIU’s Lee Caplin School of Journalism and Media and Dr. Anne Kiremidjian, Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering, National Academy member, and leading expert in earthquake hazard, risk, and resilience modeling.

President Nuñez reflected on her first Homecoming as University President. She congratulated the women’s tennis team for winning their third straight Conference USA title and fourth overall this year and the men's soccer team for reaching their second consecutive American Conference championship match. President Nuñez stated that, once again, FIU was ranked #1 in Florida by the *Wall Street Journal* and top 50 by *U.S. News & World Report*. She indicated that FIU is ranked #45 in supporting its veteran student population. She extended an invitation to the FIU community for the inaugural pet-friendly football game scheduled for November 22, 2025.

President Nuñez stated that the University is currently assessing the updated performance metrics established by the Florida Board of Governors. She added that efforts are underway at FIU to develop a live dashboard that will enable users to monitor the metrics and supplementary data in real time or near real time. President Nuñez referred Trustees to the State University System Efficiency Study, noting that FIU is a top performing university in terms of degree yield and cost to the student.

5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Board Chair Duart indicated that, in addition to Full Board minutes, the Consent Agenda includes action items FF2 – FF5 recommended for Board approval by the Finance and Facilities Committee and AP1 recommended for Board approval by the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the Consent Agenda, and members of the Board approved the following actions:

- **BT1. Minutes, July 30, 2025** - Approval of Minutes of the FIU Board of Trustees, Full Board meeting held on July 30, 2025.

- **BT2. Minutes, September 18, 2025** - Approval of Minutes of the FIU Board of Trustees, Full Board meeting held on September 18, 2025.
- **FF2. Approval of a Student Housing Agreement between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and PRG – Casa Properties LLC** – Approval of a Student Housing Agreement (“Agreement”) with PRG – Casa Properties LLC and delegation of authority to the University President, or designee, to execute the Agreement, and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transaction contemplated in the Agreement, on behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees.
- **FF3. Approval of a Letter of Intent between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and Capstone Collegiate Communities, LLC.** – Approval of a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) for the negotiation of a Student Housing Agreement (“Agreement”) with Capstone Collegiate Communities, LLC and delegation of authority to the University President, or designee, to execute the LOI and the Agreement, and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the LOI and the Agreement, as applicable, on behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees.
- **FF4. Sublease and related agreement(s) for certain space in FIU’s Innovation I Complex for the construction and operation of a radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facility** - Approval of terms and authorization to negotiate and execute (i) a sublease of certain space in the FIU’s Innovation I complex between FIU and the FIU Health Care Network, Inc. (“HCN”), (ii) a related sub-sublease of said space by HCN for the construction and operation of a cyclotron radiopharmaceutical manufacturing facility, and (iii) related agreements documenting the research component and additional financial terms and benefits of the transaction; and delegation of authority to the University President, or designee, to execute the subleases, related agreement(s) and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the subleases, on behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees.
- **FF5. Approval of Unrestricted Auxiliary Funds to Support Intercollegiate Athletics for FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28** - Approval to use \$8.25M of unrestricted auxiliary funds over the period of fiscal year 2025-26 through fiscal year 2027-28 in support of FIU Athletics and in accordance with State University System of Florida Board of Governors Regulation 9.013(5) Auxiliary Operations. This total includes \$2.5M previously approved by the FIU Board of Trustees on June 12, 2025, for name, image, and likeness (NIL) support in fiscal year 2025-26 and aligns with Conference USA’s minimum institutional contribution toward NIL and revenue sharing.
- **AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations** – Approval of two (2) candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment, as specified in the Board materials.

6. Action Item

FF1. Authorization for the Issuance of Debt to Finance the Construction of a Student Residence Facility at the University's Modesto A. Maidique Campus

Finance and Facilities Committee Vice Chair, Dean C. Colson, pointed out that the Finance and Facilities Committee met earlier and recommended Board approval of the authorization for the issuance of debt to finance the construction of a student residence facility at the University's Modesto A. Maidique Campus. There were no further questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees authorize a request to the Florida Board of Governors to request the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to issue revenue bonds on behalf of Florida International University to finance the construction of a Student Residence Facility on the Modesto A. Maidique campus.

7. Status Reports, Board Committees

Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Trustee Alan Gonzalez, Audit and Compliance Committee Chair, provided highlights from the Committee's earlier meeting. He stated that Ms. Jennifer LaPorta, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, provided updates and information regarding the first quarter activities and initiatives. He added that Ms. Vivian F. Gonzalez, Interim Chief Audit Executive, reported on recently completed audits and commented on work in progress.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Trustee Colson provided highlights from the Finance and Facilities Committee's earlier meeting. He noted that Interim Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer David H. Snider reported that University operating revenues were above budget by \$14.1M or 2.8% and operating expenses were below budget by \$3.6M or 0.9%, resulting in a net favorable variance of \$17.7M. Trustee Colson added that University and University Organizations' investment earnings of \$38M were \$25.8M above plan. He indicated that the annual financial audits of FIU's component units- FIU Foundation, Inc., FIU Research Foundation, Inc., FIU Athletics Finance Corporation, and FIU Health Care Network, Inc. - received an "Unmodified Opinion" meaning the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions of the entities as of June 30, 2025.

Trustee Colson commented that Interim Sr. VP and CFO Snider provided a supplementary presentation that offered additional insights and visual context relating to the University's major construction projects. Trustee Colson indicated that the Committee's agenda materials also included a summary report on the results of performance evaluations and associated annual salaries for all evaluated academic and administrative personnel at FIU earning an annual salary of \$200,000 or more, as required by Florida Statute 1001.741. He pointed out that an amendment to the fiscal year 2025-26 Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) plan was also included in the Committee's agenda materials. He noted that while there was no change to the total project costs for the Innovation I project and the Center for Translational Science, the University resubmitted its FCO plan to the Board of Governors to inform them of revised funding sources for the projects.

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Report

Trustee Colson, Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Chair, provided highlights from the Committee's earlier meeting.

External Relations Committee Report

Trustee Yaffa Popack, External Relations Committee Chair, provided highlights from the Committee's earlier meeting. She commented that Senior Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Communications and Chief Marketing and Communication Officer Michelle L. Palacio highlighted the accomplishments and strategic priorities of the Division, including the focus on unifying marketing efforts across the student lifecycle, strengthening brand awareness, promoting research and commercialization opportunities, and enforcing brand compliance. Trustee Popack added that Sr. VP Palacio also highlighted how the University is transitioning from a decentralized communications model to a hybrid one to improve consistency and operational efficiency. Trustee Popack remarked that Vice President for Government and Community Relations and Deputy Chief of Staff to the President Christina Castillo provided updates related to the transition to the Office of Government and Community Relations and current priorities before the state and federal governments, and highlighted several visits from government officials to FIU, state and federal grant awards, and FIU's efforts and presence throughout the community.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Board Chair Duart provided highlights from the Strategic Planning Committee's earlier meeting. He commented that Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth M. Bejar provided an update on the Performance Based Funding Metrics and the Strategic Plan implementation.

8. New Business

Board Chair Duart extended his best wishes to the FIU community for a joyous holiday season.

The FIU Herbert and Nicole Wertheim School of Music Concert Choir performed two holiday selections.

9. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Board Chair Carlos A. Duart adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Full Board on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3:22 PM.



Full Board
January 20, 2026
Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Carlos A. Duart convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 3:01 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Florida International University Board of Trustees and verified a quorum. Present were Carlos A. Duart, *Board Chair*; Noël C. Barengo; Francesca Casanova; Tila Falic-Levi; Alan Gonzalez; George Heisel; Jesus Lebeña; Patrick McDowell; Alexander M. Peraza; Nestor Plana (*joined after roll call*); Yaffa Popack; and Alberto R. Taño.

Trustee Fred Voccola was excused.

Board Chair Duart welcomed Trustees Nestor Plana and Tila Falic-Levi, newly appointed by the Florida Board of Governors for terms starting January 7, 2026. Board Chair Duart commented that Trustee Plana, Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Independent Living Systems, succeeds Mr. Dean C. Colson, while Trustee Falic-Levi, Miami-based educational leader and Founding President of the Jewish Culture High School, replaces Ms. Chanel T. Rowe. Board Chair Duart remarked that Trustee Patrick McDowell, appointed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for a term beginning January 13, 2026, takes over Mr. Marc D. Sarnoff's seat and is the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of McDowell Properties and McDowell Housing Partners. Chair Duart also congratulated Trustees Alan Gonzalez and Yaffa Popack on their reappointments to the FIU Board of Trustees.

Board Chair Duart stated that the Board's Bylaws provide that the Board Chair may, in consultation with the President, allow an item to be presented to the Full Board without prior consideration by a Board committee when circumstances warrant. He added that directly proceeding to a Full Board meeting without a prior committee meeting provides the most expeditious and efficient means by which to review the time-sensitive agenda items.

2. Public Appearances

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Action Items

3.1 Performance-Based Funding Model - New Metric 10

Board Chair Duart indicated that during the November 6, 2025 Florida Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, the BOG approved a motion requesting that the university boards of trustees submit a new

Performance -Based Funding (PBF) Metric 10 for approval at the January 2026 BOG meeting, to be part of the new PBF model. He added that the the BOG requires the university boards of trustees to approve the new metric.

Provost and Executive Vice President Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the new PBF Model Metric 10 for the Board's review, explaining that State University System (SUS) institutions were asked to refine their own Metric 10 from a selection of options and categories that align with the SUS system-wide strategic plan of 2030. She added that after thoughtful deliberation and due diligence, the University's recommendation is to request that the number of National Academy Members be selected as FIU's PBF Model Metric 10. Provost Bejar stated that members of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine are distinguished thought leaders in their fields and contribute to research excellence goals and objectives, supporting and participating in grant development and attainment and providing mentorship to junior faculty. She commented that the baseline year for the BOG data is 2024-25 and that reflects eight (8) National Academy Members who are currently affiliated with FIU and per the BOG guidelines that sets the benchmark at five (5) points. She noted that upon approval, the Board of Trustees metric will be forwarded to the BOG for their review and consideration.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the National Academy Members as the University's Performance-Based Funding Model - New Metric 10,.

3.2 Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-113 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus

Trustee Alberto R. Taño, Vice Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, requested that General Counsel Castillo present the proposed amendments to Regulation FIU-113 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus for the Board's review. General Counsel Castillo indicated that the there are three proposed amendments to FIU Regulation 113: 1. the designation of the Provost or the Provost's designee as the authority who must provide prior written approval for the current limited exception for the use of smoking and or vaping products in specific designated areas as part of University research or education programs; 2. adding a limited exception for the smoking of tobacco products at University events in specific outdoor designated areas, subject to the Provost or the Provost's designee prior written approval; and 3. removing the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House from the scope of the Regulation.

Trustee Noël C. Barengo stated that permitting smoking at official University events, even with restrictions, sends a contradictory message and risks normalizing tobacco use in institutionally endorsed spaces where students, faculty, staff, and community members are present. He added that secondhand smoke exposure is not eliminated in outdoor settings, particularly in crowded or semi-enclosed event spaces, which raises concerns, as individuals with health vulnerabilities may be exposed involuntarily while fulfilling academic or professional obligations. Trustee Barengo mentioned that the proposed amendment also introduces inconsistency and discretionary enforcement by requiring case-by-case approval. He commented that the Regulation should explicitly prohibit any direct or indirect involvement, funding, sponsorship, or support from the tobacco or vaping industry in FIU-sponsored events, research or activities. He offered to assist in revising the current regulation in a way that reinforces FIU's smoke- and vape-free commitments.

In response to Board Chair Duart, Provost Bejar stated that the Regulation is being written to allow for flexibility and to allow for the administration on a case-by-case basis to review the facts and the opportunities and the risks associated with each event and determine accordingly.

Chair Duart encouraged collaboration to ensure that the Regulation aligns with FIU's commitment to a smoke- and tobacco-free environment, allowing limited exceptions where appropriate.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendments to Regulation FIU-113 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus, and delegation of authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors or as a result of the regulation-making process.

Trustee Barengo voted against the motion.

4. New Business

Board Chair Duart noted that the Board's next regularly scheduled Committee and Full Board Meetings will be held on February 26, 2026.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Board Chair Carlos A. Duart adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Full Board on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:19 PM.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Acceptance of Performance Based Funding and Preeminent Metrics Data Integrity Audit Report and Approval of Data Integrity Certification

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees acceptance of the Audit Report - Audit of Performance-Based Funding and Preeminent Metrics Data Integrity and approval of the Performance Based Funding and Preeminence Status – Data Integrity Certification, as executed by the University President.

Background information:

As required by Florida Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 5.001 and Florida Statute 1001.706, the Office of Internal Audit has performed an audit of the data integrity related to the University's Performance-Based Funding and Preeminent Metrics. The audit objectives were to determine whether the University's processes ensure the completeness, accuracy, and timeliness of data submissions to the BOG, evaluate the implementation status of prior year audit recommendations, and provide an objective basis for the University President and the Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair to sign the Data Integrity Certification to be submitted to the BOG.

Using the results from the data integrity audit, the University President has completed the Data Integrity Certification, furnished by the BOG. The certification document shall be signed by the BOT Chair after being approved by the BOT.

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 5.001(8) states, in relevant part, that University chief audit executives shall conduct or cause to have conducted an annual data integrity audit to verify the data submitted for implementing the Performance-based Funding Model complies with the data definitions established by the Board of Governors. The audit report shall be presented to the university's board of trustees for its review, acceptance, and use in completing the data integrity certification. The audit report and data integrity certification are due to the Board of Governors' Office of Inspector General by March 1 each year.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-1101 Tuition and Fees Schedule for the 2026-27 Academic Year

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the proposed amendments to Regulation FIU-1101 Tuition and Fees Schedule and delegation of authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) and as a result of the regulation-making process.

Background Information:

In accordance with Florida Statutes Section 1009.24(4)(b), and BOG Regulations 1.001, 7.001, and 7.003, the BOG is authorized to establish tuition for graduate and professional programs and out-of-state fees for all programs. In addition to the basic tuition, non-resident students are charged an out-of-state fee. The Florida Board of Governors approved the following motion at their June 18, 2025, meeting:

“a motion to approve the recommendation that universities be allowed to forego the current proposal process in BOG Regulation 7.001(6)(a) and by virtue of this motion, be permitted a two-phase increase of the out-of-state fee for undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs including the following conditions: that for students enrolled for fall 2025, out of state fee can be increased by up to 10%, for 2026 out of state fee can be increased by up to 15% and if institutions increase the amount of out-of-state students, they must also maintain the same percentage of admitted in-state students as it presently is in fall 2024”

The FIU Board of Trustees approved a 10% increase in the out-of-state fees and out-of-state financial aid fees on July 30, 2025. Recommendations are now presented regarding increasing the out-of-state fee for Undergraduate, Graduate, Nursing and Health Sciences, Law, and Medical students by 15%, and the corresponding out-of-state financial aid fee for these students by 15%.

Furthermore, the regulation is being revised to specify that annual tuition and fees for medical students are calculated on a forty-credit hour academic year. Medical students enrolled in optional courses only in a semester that total fewer than three credit hours will be assessed the graduate student tuition and fees.

The Regulation includes information on fees and therefore, in accordance with the BOG’s Regulation Development Procedure, the University Administration is required to submit the regulation to the Florida Board of Governors for approval.

The University President will report to the FIU Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting on any substantive change requested or made to the Regulation as a result of comments received from the BOG as part of the regulation-making process.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*



February 26, 2026

Subject: Approval of the Auxiliary Facilities Income and Expenditure Statements

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the Auxiliary Facilities Income and Expenditure Statements.

Background Information:

In accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 9.008, University Auxiliary Facilities with Outstanding Revenue Bonds issued by the Florida Division of Bond Finance must submit annual income and expenditure statements to the Board of Governors. Each institution's Board of Trustees is required to approve these statements prior to submission. The approved statements will be presented to the Board of Governors at its March meeting.

FIU's Parking and Housing Systems revenue bonds fall under this requirement. The Income and Expenditure Statement includes actual results for the prior fiscal year, the current year's budget, and projections for one additional year. The FIU Board of Trustees approved the current year budget and projections on June 12, 2025. The University now seeks approval of the actual results for fiscal year 2024–25.

The Parking System began fiscal year 2024–25 with a cash balance of \$12.2 million, including \$3.0 million in reserves. By year-end, the cash balance increased by \$2.1 million to \$14.3 million, while reserves remained unchanged at \$3.0 million.

The Housing System started the fiscal year with a cash balance of \$30.4 million, including \$16.3 million in reserves. By year-end, the cash balance grew by \$5.9 million to \$36.3 million, and reserves increased by \$3.5 million to \$19.8 million to support commitments for the new student residence facility at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Approval of a Seventh Lease Amendment (the “Amendment”) with BP Land Holdings, LLC to reduce the size of the premises and realize substantial rent savings, and to revise the renewal options of the lease agreement for the National Forensic Science Technology Center (“NFSTC”), located at 8285 Bryan Dairy Road, Suite 125, Largo, Florida

Proposed Action:

FIU Board of Trustees approval of the delegation of authority to the University President, or her designee, to (1) negotiate the Amendment; and (2) execute the Amendment on behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees, and such other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated therein for NFSTC.

Background Information:

The primary mission of the NFSTC is to advance global impact through applied research, innovation, and service. NFSTC has demonstrated proven success in the innovation and growth of research in support of this mission. Since the acquisition of the NFSTC by FIU in December 2017, the NFSTC has received \$80M in research awards which generates about \$2.7M indirect revenue annually. The NFSTC currently occupies 126,218 square feet of research space in Largo Florida, of which 35,612 square feet is subleased or licensed to private companies and governmental agencies that collaborate with FIU on the forensic research activities done within the facility. The existing term of the lease agreement ends in April 2026 but includes four 2-year renewal terms.

FIU seeks to renegotiate more favorable terms in the lease agreement, as follows:

- 1) Vacate and reconfigure at Landlord’s expense a portion of the premises, yielding a net reduction of 24,830 leasable square feet, effective May 1, 2026. This is primarily due to more efficient use of office space and a reduction in the need for high-bay warehouse space. The reduced footprint of the premises will consist of 101,388 square feet and will result in savings of \$4,420,807 over the remaining term of the lease.
- 2) Exercise the four 2-year renewal options simultaneously, thereby extending the term by eight years to April 30, 2034, at an average annual rental rate savings of \$0.61/square foot compared to current lease terms.
- 3) FIU will have the right to terminate the lease agreement early. More specifically, FIU may exercise the termination right on the second anniversary of the renewal commencement date, or on any subsequent second anniversary, provided FIU must provide written notice to the landlord no less than twelve months prior to the desired termination date. This termination right will allow FIU to remain nimbler in responding to the rent expense’s impact on NFSTC’s financial health.

Base rent and operating costs will continue to be covered by NFSTC through Education and General funds, auxiliary, contracts funding and Facilities and Administrative costs.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*



February 26, 2026

Subject: Campus Development Agreements between the FIU Board of Trustees and Miami-Dade County and the City of North Miami

Proposed Action:

Approve (1) a Campus Development Agreement between The Florida International University Board of Trustees (“BOT”) and Miami-Dade County; (2) a Campus Development Agreement between the BOT and The City of North Miami; and (3) the delegation of authority to the University President, or her designee, to negotiate, finalize and execute said agreements, and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in said agreements, as applicable, on behalf of the BOT.

Background Information:

Under state sovereignty doctrine, public universities in Florida are not subject to local zoning ordinances, as local governments cannot regulate state governmental functions through zoning. However, Section 1013.30 of the Florida Statutes contains provisions for campus planning and concurrency management, which were adopted in recognition of the unique relationship between university campuses and the local governments in which they are located. As noted in the Florida Statutes, “while the campuses provide research and educational benefits of statewide and national importance, and further provide substantial educational, economic, and cultural benefits to their host local governments, they may also have an adverse impact on the public facilities and services and natural resources of host governments. On balance, however, universities should be considered as vital public facilities of the state and local governments.”

Pursuant to Subsection 1013.30(10) of the Florida Statutes, upon adoption of a Campus Master Plan, most recently adopted by the BOT on November 21, 2024, the BOT is tasked with drafting a campus development agreement (CDA) for each local government (Miami-Dade County for FIU’s Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Engineering Center and The City of North Miami for the Biscayne Bay Campus). Generally, CDAs must address public facilities and services including roads, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, parks and recreation and public transportation, identify the level of service standard established by the applicable local government, and determine the impact of existing and proposed development on the campuses on each of such services. Specifically:

- **Purpose:** 10-year agreements (2025–2035) supporting FIU while maintaining local government infrastructure standards.
- **Public Services Reviewed:** Stormwater, water, sewer, solid waste, recreation, roads, and transit. No off-campus improvements are required.

- **Level of Service (LOS):** FIU development must maintain local government-adopted LOS for all public services. Local governments reserve service capacity for FIU.
- **Financial Agreements:** FIU pays local government-approved rates and fair share for shared infrastructure. Solid waste and shuttle services are privately contracted.
- **Transportation:** Existing roads and transit are adequate. No new improvements required. Shuttle and bus routes serve campus.
- **Monitoring:** Local governments may inspect and review annually. Disputes are resolved through mediation and possibly state involvement.
- **Amendment Rules:** Amendments required for major changes (>10% increase in impact). Term can be extended by mutual agreement.

On August 18, 2025, in accordance with the timeline prescribed in Section 1013.30(10) of the Florida Statutes, University President Jeanette M. Nuñez sent draft CDAs to Miami-Dade County and The City of North Miami for review and comment. Section 1013.30(16) further prescribes that if, within 180 days following the host local government's receipt of the proposed campus development agreement, the university board of trustees and host local government cannot reach agreement on the provisions of the campus development agreement, the matter must be submitted to the state land planning agency, which has 60 days to hold informal hearings, if necessary. In resolving the matter, the state land planning agency may prescribe, by order, the contents of the campus development agreement. The prescribed 180-day period required to reach an agreement ended on February 12, 2026.

On December 2, 2025, the City of North Miami Planning Commission reviewed and approved the CDA, and The City of North Miami City Council approved its CDA on February 24, 2026. Miami-Dade County is still reviewing its CDA, but has advised the University that it will have comments. No date has been set by the County for their approval action.

The CDAs are in compliance with the requirements of Section 1013.30 of the Florida Statutes.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*



February 26, 2026

Subject: Expansion of the Wolfsonian-FIU -- Ground Lease between Florida International University Foundation, Inc. (the “FIU Foundation”) and The Florida International University Board of Trustees (“BOT”)

Proposed Action:

BOT (i) approval of terms and authorization to negotiate and execute a ground lease between the FIU Foundation and the BOT for the expansion of the Wolfsonian-FIU museum, and (ii) the delegation of authority to the University President, or her designee, to negotiate, finalize and execute the Ground Lease, and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated therein, on behalf of the BOT.

Background Information:

As part of the proposed design, the museum expansion will encumber two parcels adjacent to the museum that are currently owned by the FIU Foundation. FIU will soon initiate the zoning and historic review process with the City of Miami Beach, which requires single-owner control of the expansion site. Consequently, the University and the FIU Foundation have agreed to enter into a Ground Lease, under the following terms:

- Triple net ground lease
- In accordance with Section 1013.171(3)(a) of the Florida Statutes, the term shall be for at least 40 years or the expected time the project is expected to remain in a condition acceptable for use, whichever is longer.
- Base Rent: \$10 annually
- Additional Rent: \$85,000 annually, paid in two installments of \$42,500 in March and September of each year, for so long as the FIU Foundation remains obligated on its annuity obligation created by the gift agreement that demised the property to the FIU Foundation.
- All proceeds from the property shall continue to benefit the Wolfsonian–FIU.

The FIU Foundation’s Board of Directors approved the Letter of Intent on February 7, 2026.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*

Wolfsonian-FIU Expansion Project Background Information

Wolfsonian Expansion Purpose, Significance, and Impact (Academic, Student, and Community)

The Wolfsonian–FIU Expansion and Redevelopment Project advances Florida International University’s academic, research, and public-service mission through the creation of at least 25,000 square feet of new publicly accessible space at the Wolfsonian-FIU’s Washington Avenue campus in Miami Beach. The project strengthens student learning, faculty engagement, access to collections, and community impact while preserving a state-owned historic asset.

Founded in 1995 and gifted to the State of Florida in 1997, The Wolfsonian–FIU is a globally recognized museum, library, and research center known for examining the persuasive power of art and design through a collection of more than 200,000 objects spanning 1850–1950. The museum serves FIU students and faculty, hosts international scholars, and engages the public through exhibitions and more than 100 annual programs, welcoming approximately 25,000–30,000 visitors each year.

The project directly supports academic and student success by:

- Expanding object-based learning and interdisciplinary instruction
- Providing spaces to support student internships, graduate assistantships, micro-credentialing, 6–8 annual research fellows, student researchers, and programs
- Enhancing digital collections and tools for teaching and scholarship
- Creating flexible venues for faculty- and student-led projects informed by the collection

These improvements strengthen collaboration among faculty, students, museum leadership, and the broader community.

The expansion balances preservation of the historic Washington Avenue Storage Company building with modernization required for 21st-century academic and museum operations. Key priorities include improved galleries and collection access, instructional and digital lab spaces, upgraded storage and infrastructure, enhanced visitor circulation and services, and flexible areas that support programming and earned revenue. The project is designed for phased delivery to maintain operations.

This project (1) continues recent work at 1001 Washington Avenue, which includes window and roof replacements, elevator renewal, and extensive concrete repairs; (2) includes the soon-to-be-completed Knight Foundation Digital Labs and consolidated library and works-on-paper storage; and plans to explore future permanent-collection display and open-storage concepts.

The Wolfsonian–FIU Expansion and Redevelopment Project:

- Advances FIU’s academic and public mission
- Preserves and enhances a state-owned cultural institution
- Aligns with prior BOT actions and voter-approved funding initiatives
- Positions the Wolfsonian-FIU for long-term academic relevance and public impact

Current Status and Concurrent Activities

The expansion project has completed the Advanced Schematic submission and its first rounds of cost alignment to the established construction budget of \$16.7 million. Design Development can proceed only when the ADS, CM, and FIU teams can align a revised Advanced Schematic with the budget.

Alongside the design work, The Wolfsonian is preparing multiple major gift solicitations from key Wolfsonian-FIU supporters, aiming to secure commitments by the end of CY26. This includes negotiations with one donor for a significant challenge gift to help reach the expansion's funding goal.

We are also pursuing all actions and requirements to submit the expansion project for City of Miami Beach approvals, with consideration by the relevant City Committees planned for September 2026. The Proposed Action outline below is required.

Our goal is to align design, fundraising, and approvals to enable groundbreaking in late 2027, with project completion in late 2029.

Project Budget and Funding

Wolfsonian Expansion BT-940

FUNDING STREAMS

MDC Building Better Communities GOB (pending contract)	\$10,000,000
City of Miami Beach Arts and Culture GO Bond (contracted)	\$5,000,000
Wolfsonian Capital Projects (FIU Foundation Project ID 5000410)	\$580,399
Pledges Due	\$115,000
Total	\$15,695,399

Total of Confirmed Funding Stream	\$15,695,399
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CURRENT BUDGET EXPENSES

Construction	\$16,678,090
Professional Fees/Temporaries/Allocated Staff Effort	\$1,380,050
Inspections Services	\$ 351,695
BIM Consultant	-
Survey/Tests	\$ 75,000
Permits/Environmental Fees	\$ 8,000
FFE	-
Other Fees	\$582,522
Contingency	\$924,643
Total	\$20,000,000

Total of Confirmed Budget	\$20,000,000
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Project Timeline and Milestones

November 2004	Miami-Dade County voters approved the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds, which netted The Wolfsonian–FIU \$10 million to add 25,00 sq. ft. of new public space
June 2020	A new push to get expansion underway and private fundraising
November 2020	City of Miami Beach voters approved an increase in development rights necessary for the expansion by over 60% margin
November 2022	City of Miami Beach voters approved an Arts and Cultural General Obligation Bond by over 60% margin, which netted The Wolfsonian–FIU \$5 million for the expansion
December 2022	BOT Strategic Committee reviews the project to continue to design.
September 2023	The outline program was signed on 9/9/23 and the Architectural Design Services (ADS) process launched
February 2024	ADS selection is complete with the selection of a joint venture between Machado Silvetti, a Boston-based architectural design studio with a long history of design-forward cultural projects, and Charles H. Benson, a Miami Beach-based architect with experience in many of the city's new and historically significant projects.
December 2024	ADS contract negotiation and execution complete
April 2025	Conceptual Schematic Design submitted and approved May 2025
May 2025	Construction Manager selected: Thornton Construction, a Miami-based firm with over 26 years of experience, has a broad portfolio of completed projects and a proven track record of on-budget deliveries.
August 2025	Advanced Schematic Design was delivered and is under review. The AE construction cost estimate is \$19.2M. Thornton Construction cost estimate delivered on 9/17/25 is \$17.9M, \$1.2M over the program construction budget. VE options will be evaluated to get the project within budget.
December 2025	Revised ASD cost estimate from Thornton for \$17.3M is now \$600K over budget, with VE options continuing to be explored.

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Subject: Authorization to purchase or lease a facility for student housing in Washington DC, and delegation of authority to the Chair of The Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT) to approve, on behalf of the BOT, the terms and conditions for any such purchase or lease and to report timely to the BOT on the results thereof, including whether any such purchase or lease is consummated

Proposed Action:

BOT (i) authorization to purchase or lease a facility for student housing in Washington DC; (ii) the delegation of authority to the BOT Chair to approve the terms and conditions for any such purchase or lease, on behalf of the BOT and to report timely to the BOT on the results thereof, including whether any such purchase or lease is consummated; and (iii) the delegation to the University President, or her designee, to offer, negotiate, finalize and execute letters of intent, purchase and sale agreements, and all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated therein, on behalf of the BOT.

Background Information:

For over a decade, Florida International University has supported student interns in Washington, D.C. Since 2015, the University has employed staff to promote and facilitate the placement of student interns, while supporting cohorts of students living, studying and working in our nation's capital. In 2016, the University opened FIU in Washington, D.C. – a hub for students, visiting faculty and convening space for national conferences and workshops. In 2022, the University expanded its presence by moving to a 5,000 sf leased space at 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW on Capitol Hill.

The Talent Lab at FIU in Washington, D.C. is a comprehensive program to ensure success for FIU students seeking the opportunity to make an impact through fly-in seminars, internships, and courses in the nation's capital.

Student support activities in Washington, D.C. are directly aligned to the FIU Strategic Plan through (i) the FIU Experience and Student Success pillar in the form of immersive internships and fly-ins which connect classroom learning to national policy and programming which builds community, supports well-being, career readiness and internship success; (ii) the Strategic Alliances pillar by way of interns placed in key national/international organizations through FIU champions who themselves become new FIU champions and students who serve as FIU ambassadors, opening doors for other strategic partnerships; and (iii) the Research Excellence pillar where Students learn about FIU's federal research leadership and advocate for FIU's federal research funding and by hosting convenings and dialogues to raise FIU's research profile. The Talent Lab has demonstrated proven success in the last calendar year by placing one hundred and twenty interns in Washington organizations and congressional offices, hosting four in-person courses and introducing four hundred participants in twenty-five academic fly-ins.

In direct support of the Talent Lab's mission, FIU in DC proposes to expand participation of FIU students by 30% to 40% across majors and backgrounds, support student well-being and retention and strengthen FIU's presence and reputation in Washington DC by adding a student housing facility to its existing presence.

Currently, each semester thirty to forty FIU students live in the DC-Maryland-Virginia region, primarily in the Washington Metro area relying on Airbnb, short term rentals, rooms in private homes and co-living arrangements in residence halls and student intern housing providers. These options entail high rental costs, short-term lease limitations and safety and commute considerations for FIU students. The addition of an FIU student housing facility in Washington DC will reduce the housing uncertainty for FIU students making it easier for them to pursue and/or accept Washington DC opportunities, increasing the number of students who can participate and reducing the stress that impacts academic and internship performance.

FIU in DC has engaged two brokerage firms to identify potential student housing properties (via purchase or master lease) that would accommodate up to fifteen students in the Capitol Hill or Downtown neighborhoods with metro accessibility. Properties with joint-use potential, including rooms for visiting faculty, are also of interest. The facility cost will be underwritten by unrestricted auxiliary fund balance, not to exceed \$10.0 million.

To guide the selection of a suitable facility, over Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, the University has benchmarked facilities owned or master leased by other universities (including mixed-use facilities), and surveyed FIU students in Washington DC about their experiences and needs. Working with FIU in DC, the Division of Finance and Administration is developing pro formas based on various cost, capacity, and rental pricing options as they arise. In the event of an acquisition, the cost of acquisition and outfitting of the student housing facility will not be amortized and rental rates for student interns will be set to cover operations and maintenance. In the event of a master lease, the rental cost to students will recover the cost of the master lease as well as operations and maintenance. If the rental cost to students is insufficient to cover the cost of the master lease and operations, unrestricted auxiliary fund balance will be utilized to subsidize the cost to ensure affordability to students.

The facility will be operated by the Division of Student Affairs.

Supporting Documentation: *Agenda | Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, February 26, 2026*



February 26, 2026

Subject: Investment Policy Amendment

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT) adoption of revisions to the University's Investment Policy, in the form attached hereto.

Background Information:

The University Investment Committee is an advisory committee created by the BOT to make recommendations to the University administration and BOT regarding University investments. The University is recommending approval of the proposed revisions to the Investment Policy. The proposed revisions were ratified by the University Investment Committee on February 11, 2026.

The new policy amends the long term strategic asset allocation targets for the Strategic and Reserve Pool. The allocation to Bank Loans of 5 percent will be replaced with an allocation to US and International Developed Equity.

The BOT is authorized to adopt an investment policy pursuant to Sections 1011.42 and 218.415 Florida Statutes. The University's Investment Policy was last revised on June 5, 2024.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nomination

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of one (1) candidate for Tenure as a Condition of Employment (TACOE).

Background Information:

Pursuant to Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(5)(a), each board of trustees shall provide for the establishment of the personnel program for all the employees of the university, including but not limited to tenure.

The TACOE nominee holds tenure at their previous institution and has been selected to receive TACOE based on the caliber of their work.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Program Termination: Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Background Information:

Due to declining student demand and in order to better support Board of Governors' goals concerning degree productivity, faculty in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs propose to terminate the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (classification of instructional programs [CIP] code: 05.0134).

Seven students currently are enrolled in the BA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. These students have been given the option to (1) remain enrolled in the degree, completing the program by a final phase-out term of Fall 2031, or (2) change into a related degree program (e.g., the BA in Global Studies program).

Section (1d) of Board of Governors Regulation 8.012 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments states, in relevant part, that each university Board of Trustees has the responsibility and authority to approve the termination of degree programs at all levels (with the exception of master's degree programs in nursing).

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Program Termination: Bachelor of Arts in Global Educational Studies

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Global Educational Studies.

Background Information:

Due to declining student demand and in order to better support Board of Governors' goals concerning degree productivity, faculty in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education propose to terminate the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Global Educational Studies (classification of instructional programs [CIP] code: 13.0701).

No students are currently enrolled in this program. Several of the courses offered as part of the BA in Global Educational Studies will continue to be offered as part of other degrees, including the BA in Liberal Studies and the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Therefore, prospective students interested in Global Educational Studies can still pursue their interest in this field of study, albeit as part of a different degree.

Section (1d) of Board of Governors Regulation 8.012 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments states, in relevant part, that each university Board of Trustees has the responsibility and authority to approve the termination of degree programs at all levels (with the exception of master's degree programs in nursing).

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the proposed amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct, and delegation of authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors or as a result of the regulation-making process.

Background Information:

This Regulation is being updated to reflect recent changes to the University's Interim Title IX Coordinator position and the addition of Deputy Title IX Coordinators. Updates also include minor corrections of scrivener's errors.

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(5)(a), University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties, provides, in relevant part, that each boards of trustees shall provide for the establishment of "the personnel program for all the employees of the university, including ... standards for performance and conduct,... disciplinary actions, complaints, appeals and grievance procedures, and separation and termination from employment."

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(3)(j)(l) provides, in relevant part, that each board of trustees is authorized to promulgate university regulations in accordance with the Regulation Development Procedures adopted by the Board of Governors; and each board of trustees shall be responsible for campus safety and emergency preparedness, to include safety and security measures for university personnel, students and campus visitors.

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.0105(8), Student Conduct and Discipline, in relevant part, requires university Boards of Trustees to incorporate minimum standards into any process that evaluates whether a student is responsible for sexual misconduct, gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Proposed Regulation FIU-1302 Florida Residency Status for Tuition Purposes

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the new proposed Regulation FIU-1302 Florida Residency Status for Tuition Purposes, and delegation of authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) or as a result of the regulation-making process.

Background Information:

This regulation is established to ensure a uniform and transparent procedure for determining the residency status of students for tuition purposes at Florida International University. The regulation is in accordance with federal law, section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005, as amended on November 6, 2025. The BOG requires that each state university develop regulations and policies consistent with the criteria set forth in section 1009.21, Florida Statutes.

This regulation will provide students and the FIU community with clear guidance regarding the requirements and procedures for establishing Florida residency for tuition purposes, thereby enhancing transparency and compliance.

This Regulation includes:

- **Responsible Offices:** Identification of university offices charged with oversight and implementation of residency determinations.
- **Residency Declaration and Documentation:** Specification of required forms, supporting documentation, and submission protocols.
- **Notice of Penalties:** Articulation of penalties for misrepresentation or failure to comply with established procedures.
- **Submission Deadlines:** Definition of critical deadlines and associated consequences for late submissions.
- **Appeals Process:** Outline of the formal process by which students may appeal residency determinations.
- **Additional Documentation:** Listing of supplementary materials and references as required.

The corresponding FIU Policy #340.160 Florida Residency and related procedures will be updated to ensure consistency with the BOG amended regulation 7.005.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Board Appointments, Florida International University Foundation, Inc.

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the appointments of the individuals listed below and in the board materials, to the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.

Background Information:

The Board of Directors of the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. (the “FIU Foundation”), a direct support organization (“DSO”) of Florida International University, appointed three (3) new directors on October 18, 2025, all identified below.

The FIU Foundation is requesting that the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the BOT) approve the appointment of the individuals identified below to the FIU Foundation Board of Directors, as follows:

New Director Appointments for initial one (1) year term:

- Adrian F. Gonzalez '17, MS '25
- Manuel "Manny" Perez de la Mesa '77
- Javier “Javi” L. Vazquez, Esq. '86

The BOT approved amendments to Regulation FIU-1502, Direct Support Organizations, at its March 4, 2019 meeting. Pursuant to FIU-1502, the BOT shall approve all appointments to the governing body of each DSO, other than the BOT Chair’s representative(s) or the President or President’s designee.

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 9.011(9) University Direct Support Organizations and Health Services Support Organizations, provides, in relevant part, that the university board of trustees shall approve all appointments to any DSO board other than the chair’s representative(s) or the president or president’s designee.

Florida Statute 1004.28(3) Direct-support organizations; use of property; board of directors; activities; audit; facilities, provides, in relevant part, that “the university board of trustees shall approve all appointments to any direct-support organization...” other than the BOT Chair’s representative(s) or the President or President’s designee.

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February 26, 2026

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Florida International University Board of Trustees

Proposed Action:

Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT) approval of the amendments to the Bylaws of the BOT.

Background Information:

The Bylaws of the BOT establish a governance structure for the conduct of Board business and are intended to encourage efficiencies and to facilitate Board business.

The proposed amendment pertains to the BOT's standing committees and the duties of standing committees. The revision proposes to create a new Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Committee.

BOG Regulation 1.001(3)(b), University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties, states, in relevant part, that each board of trustees may establish committees of the board to address matters including, but not limited to, academic and student affairs, strategic planning, finance, audit, property acquisition and construction, personnel, and budgets.

Section 8.1 of the BOT Bylaws states, "[t]hese Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Board, when notice of the proposed amendment or repeal is provided in the meeting notice.

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Facilitator/Presenter: Carlos A. Duarte, *Chair, FIU Board of Trustees*

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