Subject: Ratification of Designation of Interim Senior Management Official and Delegation to Key Management Personnel

Proposed Board Action:
Adopt a Resolution ratifying the designation of the Senior Management Official for Florida International University’s facility clearance and delegating to the Key Management Personnel certain responsibilities and authorities pursuant to 32 CFR Part 117, National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM).

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Florida International University (“FIU”), a university in the State University System of Florida, has and desires to continue to enter into contractual obligations with agencies of the United States Government, including contractual obligations requiring security clearance; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated September 5, 2018, the FIU Board of Trustees designated certain FIU officials, including the FIU President, to serve as the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of FIU as required by the NISPOM; and

WHEREAS, the September 5, 2018 Resolution provided that the President would serve as the final authority for the KMP, i.e., as the FIU Senior Management Official (SMO); and

WHEREAS, following the resignation of the President, which occurred on January 21, 2022, a new SMO was required to be designated by FIU that meets the compliance requirements of the NISPOM and as required by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA); and

WHEREAS, as reflected by minutes dated January 27, 2022, a meeting was held to appoint a new SMO and Kevin Lothridge, the Director of the Global Forensic & Justice Center and Executive Director of the National Forensic Science Technology Center, was appointed as the Interim SMO; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum dated January 27, 2022 from the Chair of the Board of Trustees to the DCSA advised the DCSA of the appointment of Kevin Lothridge as the Interim SMO; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing designation of the Interim SMO should be reviewed and ratified by the FIU Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the designation of the Director of the Global Forensic & Justice Center and Executive Director of the National Forensic Science Technology Center as the FIU Interim SMO is hereby ratified.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Key Management Personnel of FIU consist of FIU’s Facility Security Officer, FIU’s Insider Threat Program Senior Official and the Director of the Global Forensic & Justice Center and Executive Director of the National Forensic Science Technology Center, with the Director of the Global Forensic & Justice Center and Executive Director of the National Forensic Science Technology Center as FIU Interim SMO having final authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FIU Board of Trustees continues to delegate to the Key Management Personnel all duties, responsibilities and authorities pertaining to FIU’s obligations under the NISPOM, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all members of the Key Management Personnel at the present time possess all the required security clearances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in future, if a cognizant security agency (CSA) of the U.S. Government determines that additional FIU officials must be added to the managerial group, such requirements shall be made and approved by the Key Management Personnel, and not the FIU Board of Trustees, unless approval by the FIU Board of Trustees is required by the CSA.

This action is in the form of a resolution to take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of March, 2022 by the Board of Trustees of Florida International University.

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Supporting Documentation:  Agenda | Governance Committee Meeting | March 3, 2022