

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 16, 2021

**Subject: Designation of Ms. Claudia Puig as Chair Emeritus**

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**Proposed Board Action:**

Adopt a Resolution that designates Ms. Claudia Puig as Chair Emeritus.

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**Resolution:**

WHEREAS, in special recognition of distinguished service to the Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT), the BOT wishes to acknowledge Ms. Claudia Puig by granting her the status of Chairperson Emeritus in accordance with its Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Puig served as a member of the BOT from January 7, 2003 to March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Puig was unanimously elected to the office of Chair of the BOT on December 9, 2015 and on June 6, 2018 was unanimously re-elected as Chair, concluding her second term as Chair on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Puig led with transparency in the spirit of collaboration and shared governance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT at its regular meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, does hereby recognize, commend, and express its gratitude to Ms. Claudia Puig for her contributions to Florida International University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT grants Ms. Claudia Puig the status of Chairperson Emeritus of this Board with all the rights, honors and privileges thereunto appertaining; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Administration take all actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

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**Background Information:**

Florida Statute 1001.74(1)(c) provides each university board of trustees with “the authority to govern its university as necessary to provide proper governance and improvement of the university in accordance with law and with guidelines of the Board of Governors.”

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(1) delegates to each university board of trustees “all of the powers and duties necessary and appropriate for the direction, operation, management, and accountability of each state university.”

Section 3.5 Emeritus Status of the BOT Bylaws provides the Board shall have the special member categories of Chairperson Emeritus and Trustee Emeritus for honorary purposes to recognize past Chairpersons and Trustees who have provided distinguished and extraordinary service and contributions to the University and are no longer serving in that capacity. Trustees shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Board for either of the above defined designations. Trustees receiving the Chairperson or Trustee Emeritus title may attend meetings of the Board but shall not have the right to vote and shall not be considered in constituting a quorum. This provision shall only be applicable to Trustees whose Board service commenced prior to June 30, 2014; thereafter, this provision shall no longer be effective.

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**Supporting Documentation:** N/A

