

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2021

Subject: Designation of Mr. Gerald C. Grant, Jr. as Trustee Emeritus

Proposed Board Action:

Adopt a Resolution that designates Mr. Gerald C. Grant, Jr. as Trustee Emeritus.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, in special recognition of distinguished service to the Florida International University Board of Trustees (BOT), the BOT wishes to acknowledge Mr. Gerald C. Grant, Jr. by granting him the status of Trustee Emeritus in accordance with its Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant served as a member of the BOT from September 15, 2011 to January 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure on the BOT, Mr. Grant demonstrated his unyielding commitment to FIU by selflessly giving of his time and service as a member of the Board of Directors of the FIU Alumni Association and the FIU Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant is a two-time FIU alumnus, he and his wife Jennifer are generous donors to the University, and it was through his visionary leadership, that Panther Alumni Week was established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT at its regular meeting this 16th day of June 2021, does hereby recognize, commend, and express its gratitude to Mr. Gerald C. Grant, Jr. for his contributions to Florida International University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT grants Mr. Gerald C. Grant, Jr. the status of Trustee 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.

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.

Supporting Documentation: N/A

