WHEREAS, the terms of service of the current Chair and Vice Chair of the University of Florida Board of Trustees (Board) will expire on June 30, 2016, and the last six months of their service is about to begin;

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair are significant; and the coming year, beginning July 1, 2016, will include even greater responsibility, as the University accelerates its preparations and activities for an historic capital campaign, the University begins implementation of new strategic goals developed under the leadership of President W. Kent Fuchs in his first year of service, and the Board supports the philosophy of Chair Steven Scott to share some of the responsibilities of the Board Chair among other Board leadership--all making a short overlap period for the Chair- and Vice Chair- elect with the current Chair and Vice Chair helpful to this transition in Board leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, at a meeting duly held on the above-referenced date, the Board hereby adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 7.5 of the Board’s Bylaws, the election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Board to succeed Chair Steven M. Scott and Vice Chair David M. Thomas shall be held at this time, rather than at the Board’s June 2016 meeting (or, while not expected or intended by the incumbents, rather than at a special meeting held for this purpose, should there be any vacancy before the end of the existing incumbent’s term);

RESOLVED: That University of Florida Trustee, David M. Thomas, be and is hereby elected Chair of the University of Florida Board of Trustees for a term beginning on July 1, 2016 (or any earlier date on which there is a vacancy in that office) and continuing through June 30, 2018 or, if later, until the Board elects a successor.
RESOLVED: That University of Florida Trustee James W. Heavener, be and is hereby elected Vice Chair of the University of Florida Board of Trustees for a term beginning on July 1, 2016 (or any earlier date on which there is a vacancy in that office) and continuing through June 30, 2018, or if later until the Board elects a successor.

Executed as of the 4th day of December, 2015,

Steven M. Scott, Chair

W. Kent Fuchs, President and Corporate Secretary