



**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION**

Number: R16-179

Subject: Election

Date: June 9, 2016

WHEREAS, the terms of service of the current Chair and Vice of the University of Florida Board of Trustees (Board) will expire on June 30, 2016 and, in December 2015, the Board approved the election of Trustee David M. Thomas as Chair of the Board and Trustee James W. ("Bill") Heavener as Vice Chair of the Board, for a term beginning on July 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, while Trustee Thomas is fully committed to service and well qualified to lead the Board of Trustees, and having considered the importance of UF's strategic relationships with the state, the Board, including Trustee Thomas, believes that it would be in the University's interest for Trustee James W. ("Bill") Heavener to serve as Board Chair and Trustee Morteza ("Mori") Hosseini to serve as Board Vice Chair; and this is because Trustee Heavener, who is already in line to become Chair, and Trustee Hosseini, who is the immediate past Chair of the Florida Board of Governors and was instrumental in the state's acknowledgement and funding of UF as Florida's foremost preeminent university--not only have the ability to lead the Board and a commitment to the University's strategic goals for advancement to premier public AAU research university stature, which are of paramount importance--but they also have the most knowledge of the state and greatest ability to work with President Fuchs and his administration to develop and successfully execute a strategy to obtain the resources and flexibility needed to accomplish UF's strategic objectives at this time;


WHEREAS, Trustee Thomas has notified President Fuchs that he relinquishes his position as incoming Chair of the Board, effective in the event that the Committee on Governance and Board of Trustees elect Trustee Heavener as Chair and Trustee Hosseini as Vice Chair of the Board at the June 9, 2016 meetings for two-year terms beginning on July 1, 2016, that Trustees Heavener and Hosseini accept their respective offices, and, as of July 1, 2016, that Trustee Heavener is willing and able to serve his term;

NOW, THEREFORE, at a meeting duly held on the above-referenced date, under Article IV of the Board's Bylaws, the Board hereby adopts the following resolutions, incorporating the above-listed whereas clauses:


RESOLVED: That University of Florida Trustee, James W. ("Bill") Heavener, 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 Morteza ("Mori") Hosseini, 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 9th day of June, 2016,



Steven M. Scott, Chair



W. Kent Fuchs, President and
Corporate Secretary