

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Zina Evans has been a trusted leader at the University of Florida since 2006, serving as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost since 2011, Special Assistant to the President for Student Success since 2017, and affiliate Associate Professor of Higher Education Administration in the College of Education at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans's focused vision with strong strategic guidance of enrollment priorities and financial aid programs has elevated the University of Florida admissions and outreach process to ensure more accessibility, diversity and efficiency while facilitating and adhering to academic policy, and providing support and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans's creativity and expertise developed and established a variety of programs and national initiatives designed to increase application and enrollment of a diverse population, including the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program, which assists low-income first-generation college students in meeting their college costs through full grant and scholarship packages; academic partnerships with Santa Fe College like Gator Engineering at Santa Fe College, which allows students to gain admission to UF as early as their first spring semester and matriculate to the UF campus to complete their courses in their major; national college fairs; and expanded outreach in social media channels; and

WHEREAS, with her keen knowledge has advanced the admissions and recruitment processes improving representation, including the Innovation Academy which allows for more student access and equips students with the 21st-century skills needed to thrive in an innovative culture; and championed, and helped guide the University of Florida through some of its most challenging budget crises, allowing the University to emerge even stronger and better prepared; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans is a respected thought leader who has served on and with a variety of Boards including as Chair to the SAT Advisory Committee, Chair of the College Planning Advising Board, Chair of the AP Higher Education Advisory Committee, Executive Board member for the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success, and Chair of the Florida Higher Education Colloquium. Additionally, she has served on the Educational Testing Services TOEFL Advisory Committee, the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, the State University System Admission and Registrar Committee, and the National Postsecondary Educational Collaborative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 19th day of March 2021, does hereby recognize and commend Vice President and Associate Provost, Dr. Zina Evans for her contributions to the University of Florida and the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to Dr. Zina Evans as a token of the Board's appreciation and admiration.

Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, Chair

W. Kent Fuchs, President and Corporate Secretary