FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.  
A Florida Not for Profit Corporation  
(The "Foundation")  

BYLAWS  

As Amended and Restated the [1st day of December, 2016]  

ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  

Section 1. Governance. In accordance with Article 5 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation, the affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by and under the direction of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) and by various Officers and committees thereof as powers may be delegated to such Officers and committees by these Bylaws or by Resolution of the Directors. Members of the Board shall be the sole voting members of the Foundation and shall be called “Directors.”  

Section 2. Number and Qualifications of Directors. The Directors shall include three categories of members:  

(i) Elected Members. The Directors shall elect from the nominations of the Membership & Board Management Committee, or from nominations made from the floor, a total of not less than twenty-eight (28) and not more than sixty (60) members in accordance with the nomination and election procedures specified by these Bylaws. Each Director shall have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and managerial ability and a serious personal intention to promote the advancement of higher education and Florida International University (“the University”) through dedicated service to the Foundation. Each Director should set an example of charitable interest in the University and the Foundation which alumni and other friends of the University may emulate. To that end, each elected member of the Board shall contribute to the Foundation, at a minimum, an annual membership gift, the amount of which shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board at the Annual Meeting, and which shall be paid to the Foundation by each Director during the first quarter of each fiscal year of membership. In addition, each Director shall either make a donation, or get others to make donations, annually in the amount established by the Board at its Annual Meeting. Directors shall be expected to participate in University functions and events whenever reasonable and practicable and act as an emissary to promote and advance the goals of the University.  

(ii) Officers. The Directors shall elect a Chairperson of the Board (“Chairperson”), up to two (2) Vice Chairpersons, Secretary and Treasurer from among its membership. The Chairperson may appoint an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to provide administrative support.
(iii) Designated Ex Officio Members. The Directors shall include among their members the persons who hold the following offices during the time they hold such offices: the President of the University or his designee, a Faculty representative from the Faculty Senate recommended by the President after consultation with the Faculty Senate Chairperson, the President of the Student Government Council who is not serving on the Board of Trustees, the President of the Alumni Association, the Chairperson of the FIU President’s Council, and others who may be designated by the Directors from time to time ("Ex Officio Members"). The Chairperson of the University Board of Trustees may appoint a representative to the Board and the Executive Committee as an Ex Officio Member. The President of the University may also appoint other members of the University administration, faculty, student body or public to serve on the Board and the Executive Committee as Ex Officio Members, for such terms as may be designated by the President of the University. Ex Officio members shall have the right to vote and shall be counted towards quorum.

Section 3. Terms of Service. A newly elected Director, who has not previously been a Director, shall be elected to serve for one Board calendar year. If the initial term of service is less than 6 months, the Director shall continue to serve during the next calendar year before being elected to any subsequent term. Following the initial year, he/she may be elected for up to a two-year term, followed by two three-year terms before having to rotate off the Board for a minimum of one year. Directors shall be eligible to serve for nine (9) years before having to rotate off the Board for one (1) year. Terms of service shall begin immediately after election. With respect to any Director whose tenure also includes service to the Foundation as an Officer, the term limits set forth herein shall be extended commensurate with the period of time of the Director’s service as an Officer. Ex Officio Members shall serve (i) so long as s/he holds the office or the position which resulted in placement on the Board; (ii) for the term designated by the Chairman of the University Board of Trustees or the President of the University, as the case may be; or (iii) until removed by the office having made the appointment of such Ex Officio Member (i.e., the Chairman of the University Board of Trustees or the President of the University, as the case may be).

Section 4. Election. The Board shall elect new members to fill expiring and vacant terms at the Annual Meeting of the Directors to be held in May or June of each year. Directors may elect additional members at any other regular or special meeting of the Directors, as provided in these Bylaws. Nominations for Directors shall be made by the Membership & Board Management Committee, as described in Article 3 of the Bylaws.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies occurring during a term may be filled by the Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Directors, as provided in Section 4 of Article 1 of these Bylaws.
Section 6. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least three times a year. One such meeting shall be held in May or June of each year and such meeting shall be the Annual Meeting of the Directors when new Directors and Officers shall be elected and take office, subject to other provisions of these Bylaws. Notice to the public of Regular meetings, Committee meetings, and Special meetings of the Board will be given by posting on the Foundation’s website at https://give.fiu.edu/ not less than seven (7) days before the meeting and will include a statement of the general subject matters to be considered. Notice to each Director shall be emailed or faxed to each Director not less than seven (7) days prior to each meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, the President of the University or his designee, or by any three (3) Directors and the agenda for special meetings shall be limited to matters listed in the written notice of the special meeting.

Emergency Meetings: An emergency meeting of the Board may be called by the Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, upon as much notice as is reasonably possible but not less than twenty-four (24) hours notice whenever, in the opinion of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, an issue requires immediate Board action. Whenever such emergency meeting is called, the Chairperson will notify the Secretary. The Secretary will immediately serve either verbal or written notice upon each member of the Board, and shall provide notice to the public, by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances, stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which the meeting has been called. No other business will be transacted at the meeting unless additional emergency matters are agreed to by a majority of those Board members in attendance. The minutes of each emergency meeting will show the manner and method by which notice of such emergency meeting was given to each member of the Board and to the public.

Executive Session: The Legislature has provided limited exemptions from the Sunshine law for certain meetings because of the confidential material that must be discussed. When the Board decides to avail itself of any such exemption, it will do so by convening an executive session of the Board.

A. Pending Litigation:
Meetings to discuss pending litigation in which the Board is presently a party before a court or administrative agency may be held in executive session outside the Sunshine, provided the following procedures and conditions are met.

1. Counsel for the Board must advise the Board at a public meeting that he or she desires an executive session and must state the basis therefore.

2. Only Board members, the Board’s attorney(s) and the President of the University may attend a closed executive session to discuss pending
litigation. Staff members or consultants are not permitted to attend. The Board must give advance public notice, pursuant to its procedures, of the time and date of the executive session, and must identify the names of the persons who will be attending the closed session.

3. The session must commence with an open meeting at which the Chairperson or his/her designee shall announce the commencement of the meeting, the estimated length of the closed executive session, and the names of the persons attending. At that point, the meeting is closed to all except those whose names have been announced. The executive session may then commence. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting must be reopened to the public and the person chairing the meeting shall announce the termination of the closed executive session.

4. A certified court reporter must record the entire executive session. The reporter must record the times of commencement and termination of the executive session; all discussions and proceedings; the names of all persons present at any time; and the names of all persons speaking. No portion of any executive session may be held off the record. The Board must have the court reporter’s notes fully transcribed, and the transcript filed with its records custodian. The transcript is exempt from Florida’s public records law, and is not to be disclosed until the litigation concludes. Upon the conclusion of the litigation, the transcript becomes part of the public record.

5. The subject matter of the closed session must be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. The Board may not go beyond these strict parameters. No final action, no vote, and no decisive action may be taken during the closed session. Any final decision to settle a lawsuit, for a certain amount of money, or under certain conditions, is a decision that must be voted upon in a public meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. A quorum of the Directors shall be one-third of the voting Directors holding office at the time of the vote. A quorum must be present to transact the business of the Foundation at a meeting.

Section 8. Voting. Each Director shall have one vote. When a quorum is present at the meeting, all questions shall be decided by majority vote of the voting Directors present, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

Section 9. Proxies. Proxies, general or special, shall not be accepted for any purpose in the meetings of the Directors or committees.
Section 10. Telephonic Meetings. Meetings of the Directors and of committees may be conducted by conference telephone or similar communications facilities, in the same manner as if the meeting were held in person, if the Chairperson or the Chairperson of the Committee determines it is appropriate and is in full compliance with all requirements of the Sunshine Law. The notice of any meeting conducted by means of telephone or similar communication facilities will state where and how members of the public may gain access to the meeting.

Section 11. Resignation or Removal. A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairperson, the CEO of the Foundation or the Secretary of the Foundation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified therein, upon its acceptance by the Board. Any Director who is not present for three (3) regular meetings of the Board during a fiscal year, or who otherwise fails to meaningfully participate as a Director in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, shall be placed on probation. The Membership & Board Management Committee, in consultation with the Chairperson and the CEO of the Foundation, shall determine whether to remove the Director from the Board or continue his/her probationary period. In addition, any Director may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of all of the Directors present or no less than fifteen (15) members, effective as of the date of such vote.

ARTICLE 2. OFFICERS.

Section 1. Titles. The Officers of the Foundation, who also serve as Officers of the Board of the Foundation, shall be: a Chairperson, up to two (2) Vice Chairpersons, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may determine.

Section 2. Election. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson(s), Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Directors from nominations submitted to the Directors by the Membership & Board Management Committee, or from nominations from the floor. No Officer may hold more than one Foundation office concurrently.

Section 3. Term of Service. Each Officer shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself for no more than two (2) additional terms, except as may be otherwise extended for one additional year if approved by the recommendation of the Membership & Board Management Committee and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting Directors present. In the event any officer is elected to fill a vacancy at any regular meeting other than the Annual Meeting of the Directors, the term for filling that vacancy shall not be counted towards the term limits set forth herein.

Section 4. Vacancies. In case any vacancy occurs in an elected office, an election shall be held at the first regular or special meeting of the Directors after such vacancy occurs.
and nominations may be received directly from the floor to fill such vacant positions. Notice of such vacancy and scheduled election must be given in the same manner as notice for regular or special meetings.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. An Officer of the Foundation may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the Chairperson or the Secretary of the Foundation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified therein, upon its acceptance by the Board. Any Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of all of the Directors present or no less than fifteen (15) members, effective as of the date of such vote.

Section 6. Powers and Duties.

(i) Chairperson of the Board. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and perform all other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Directors or the Executive Committee. Among the Chairperson's powers and duties, without limitation, are to appoint the members and Chairpersons of all Standing Committees established by the Directors, except when members or Chairpersons may be designated by these Bylaws; name Special Committees and appoint their members and Chairpersons; appoint, a person to serve as Registered Agent for the Foundation; represent the Foundation at official functions of the University and elsewhere as he/she may determine proper; and present a report of the activities of the Foundation and the conduct of his/her office at the Annual Meeting which occurs when his/her term of office expires. The Chairperson shall report to the Board and the University President.

(ii) Vice Chairperson(s). The Vice Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for assisting the Chairperson in any way so designated by the Chairperson and shall serve as temporary Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence. Vice Chairpersons shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Chairperson, the Directors or the Executive Committee.

(iii) Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance and management of the Foundation's activities as may be required by the Chairperson, the Directors or the Executive Committee. He/she shall have charge of the Foundation's corporate records and corporate seal; record the minutes of all meetings of the Directors, Executive Committee and other committees; give and serve notice of meetings as required by these Bylaws; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson, the Board or the Executive Committee. The Secretary may delegate part of his/her duties to an Assistant Secretary as set forth in Article 5 below.
(iv) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson for the Finance Committee; approve all day-to-day disbursements by the Foundation; have custody of all of the funds and financial records of the Foundation; disburse funds upon instruction of the Directors or the Executive Committee; keep full and accurate accounts of all funds, together with the report of the annual audit; present a financial report for the Foundation at each meeting of the Directors and an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting; file all financial reports required by Federal and Florida law, regulation, rule or established procedure; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson, the Board or the Executive Committee. The Treasurer may delegate part of his/her duties to an Assistant Treasurer as set forth in Article 5 below.

**ARTICLE 3. COMMITTEES.**

Section 1. **Designation and Appointment of Committees.** Committees of the Board shall either be Standing Committees, as designated by these Bylaws, or Special Committees, as established by the Chairperson. Standing Committees or Special Committees shall have the power to establish Sub-Committees. The Chairperson of the Foundation shall appoint the members of all committees and designate their chairpersons, except as otherwise specified by these Bylaws. A majority of the members of Standing Committees, Special Committees and of any sub-committees must be Directors. All members of the committees shall have voting rights. One-third of the voting members of any Committee, except the Executive Committee as provided for below in these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the voting members of the Committee present, after a quorum has been declared, shall be required to enact business of the Committee. The actions of any committee shall be subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee, and to confirmation by the Board at its next ensuing meeting, except when the power to act is specifically granted to a committee by these Bylaws or by action of the Directors or Executive Committee. Each committee shall keep approved minutes and submit them to the Directors for review. Committees shall present an annual plan at the first meeting of the Board for the Foundation’s calendar year.

Section 2. **Standing Committees.** The Directors shall have the following Standing Committees:

(i) **Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee of the Directors of the Foundation shall have and may exercise all powers and authority of the Board when the Directors are not in session, subject only to such restrictions or limitations as the Directors may from time to time specify, except that the Executive Committee shall have no authority to alter, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Foundation, to remove Directors or Officers or to elect Officers. The Executive Committee may elect Directors that have been recommended by the Membership &
Board Management Committee, provided that the Membership & Board Management Committee circulates its recommendations to the full Board prior to the Executive Committee meeting where new directors will be elected. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson of the Directors. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the voting members of the Committee present, after a quorum has been declared, shall be required to enact business of the Executive Committee. When urgency precludes a formal meeting, matters may be handled by telephone in accordance with provisions of these Bylaws and the requirements of Florida law regarding meetings of the Directors. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Directors at the next ensuing meeting of the Board, or when deemed sufficiently important by the Chairperson and the University President, such actions shall be reported to the Directors within thirty (30) days after such action is taken, or at a meeting of the Directors if a meeting is held within that period of time. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be included in the minutes of the Board. Members of the Executive Committee shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson(s), Treasurer and Secretary of the Foundation, the President of the University or his designee, the Chairpersons of each standing committee, two (2) additional members as may be designated by the Chairperson, and any Ex Officio Members appointed to the Executive Committee by the President in accordance with Section 2(iii) hereof. The University President shall participate at Executive Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity in the event he or she appoints a designee to serve on the Board and Executive Committee.

(ii) Development Management Committee. The Development Management Committee shall review, approve and recommend to the Directors all major fundraising initiatives and campaigns undertaken by the Foundation or the University and each of its components; carry out a regular fundraising program and coordinate the efforts of the Development Sub-Committee; prepare policies and strategies for the solicitation, receipt, acknowledgment, stewardship and recognition of financial support; and prepare standards for gift recognition including, without limitation, endowed chairs, endowed professorships, endowed lectureships, endowed scholarships, the naming of colleges, schools, centers, buildings, areas and other significant facilities and activities of the University, recognizing, however, that only the University Board of Trustees has the ability to recommend that state buildings and facilities be permanently named after donors.

(a) Development Sub-Committee. Each member of the Foundation board shall be a member of the Development Sub-Committee, which shall be known as the “Development Committee.” The Development Committee, with the guidance and strategic direction provided by the Development Management Committee, shall be responsible for supporting the Foundation’s overall efforts to secure private philanthropic financial support and for promoting the University’s mission.
(iii) **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the oversight of the fiscal matters of the Foundation, including but not limited to the preparation of the Foundation's annual budget, which shall be prepared before the beginning of the University’s fiscal year, approved by the Directors and recommended by the University President to the Board of Trustees each year no later than sixty (60) days following the beginning of the Foundation's fiscal year. The Board of Trustees must approve the Foundation budget before it can be enacted. The Finance Committee shall approve or reject gifts or bequests which impose unusual conditions on the Foundation or the University, subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee or the Directors. It shall periodically review the Foundation’s performance against budget and monitor and coordinate the work of the Foundation's Assistant Treasurer and the Investment Sub-Committee, Audit Sub-Committee, and Real Estate Sub-Committee. The Finance Committee shall ensure that consistent and reliable financial practices are followed and that the current financial status of the Foundation is reported to the Executive Committee and the Directors regularly.

(a) **The Investment Sub-Committee.** The Investment Sub-Committee, with the guidance and recommendations of the Finance Committee and the investment consultants hired by the Foundation, shall be responsible for formulation of the Foundation’s investment objectives, and for assisting the Directors in its oversight of the Foundation’s investment portfolio and investment managers. The Investment Sub-Committee shall recommend to the Board investment policies, asset allocation policies and guidelines, and shall review and advise on any other investment-related matters as the Finance Committee may from time to time determine. The Investment Sub-Committee shall recommend engagement or termination of investment managers, consultants and custodians, evaluate the performance of investment managers, consultants and custodians and make periodic reports to the Finance Committee and the Board on investment performance and related matters. The Investment Sub-Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review the results of the investment portfolios and recommend appropriate adjustments, as necessary. All actions of the Investment Sub-Committee shall be reported to the Finance Committee.

(b) **The Audit Sub-Committee.** The Audit Sub-Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibility with respect to the audit policies and system of internal controls of the Foundation. The Audit Sub-Committee shall cause an audit to be made by an independent certified public accountant of the books of the Foundation as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year of the Foundation, and to have the results reported to the CEO of the Foundation immediately, and to the full Board at their next meeting thereafter. The annual audit report shall be submitted by the University President to the Board of Trustees for review no later than the end of the fourth month following the close of the organization's fiscal year. The annual audit report shall also be submitted to the Auditor General and to the Board of Governors no later than nine (9) months after the
The audit shall be conducted in accordance with rules promulgated by the Board of Trustees and with the policies adopted by the Auditor General. The Audit Sub-committee shall recommend the engagement or termination of the external auditors and shall review their performance. The Audit Sub-Committee shall ensure the financial records of the Foundation are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall monitor compliance with internal controls and all requirements set forth in the Audit Charter, as may be amended from time to time by the Audit Sub-Committee.

(c) Real Estate Sub-Committee. The Real Estate Committee shall be responsible for developing and coordinating the Foundation’s overall real estate strategy and objectives, and for reviewing and recommending to the Finance Committee and the Directors general real estate policies, guidelines, and best practices for achieving the Foundation’s goals. The Committee shall review potential real estate acquisitions and provide recommendations to the Finance Committee with regard to the potential use or disposition of real property.

(iv) Membership & Board Management Committee. The Membership & Board Management Committee shall receive recommendations for nominees to the Board and as Officers, evaluate such recommendations, and present nominations for open positions to the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting, or any meeting where new Directors will be chosen. The Membership & Board Management Committee shall advise new Directors of the responsibilities of membership; nominate individuals for special recognition as members of the Foundation; and monitor the attendance, participation and activity of Foundation members and Directors.

Section 3. Special Committees. The Chairperson of the Directors may establish Special Committees from time to time to assist the Directors in carrying out the purposes of the Foundation. The Chairperson shall report the establishment of all Special Committees and the names of their chairpersons and members to the Executive Committee and the Directors at the next ensuing regular meetings of the Executive Committee and Directors.

ARTICLE 4. SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION.

Section 1. Purpose of Special Members. The Directors may from time to time, acting by majority vote, establish special categories of membership in the Foundation for the purpose of honoring persons for contributions, service or achievement. The qualifications for special membership for each category shall be determined by the Directors as they deem necessary for the benefit of the Foundation and the University. Special members shall have no vote in meetings of the Foundation’s members or Directors except as specifically provided in these bylaws.
Section 2. Special Member Categories. The Foundation shall have the following special member categories for honorary and recognition purposes:

(i) Chairperson Emeritus. This category honors the Chief Executive Officers of the Foundation who have rendered extraordinary service to the Foundation. The Directors may elect a former Chairperson, after his/her term of office shall have expired, as Chairperson Emeritus of the Foundation. The Chairperson Emeritus shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present.

(ii) Director Emeritus. The Directors may elect a former Director, after his/her term of office shall have expired, as a Director Emeritus to honor those who have given distinguished service as members of the Board. The Director Emeritus shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present.

(iii) Foundation Fellows. The Directors may from time to time elect individual(s) who have demonstrated extraordinary merit and distinction to serve as Foundation Fellows, based upon certain criteria and subject to certain duties, obligations and term requirements as established by the Board from time to time. Candidates will be reviewed by the Membership and Board Management Chair, subject to the confirmation by the Membership and Board Management Committee, and election by a majority vote of Directors present. The total number of Foundation Fellows in office at any given time shall not exceed ten (10).

ARTICLE 5. EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

There shall be a CEO of the Foundation. The President of the University shall approve and recommend to the Board a person to serve as CEO of the Foundation. After duly considering the recommendation of the University President, the Board shall appoint, by majority vote, the CEO of the Foundation, whose primary responsibilities are to manage the corporate affairs of the Foundation on a day-to-day basis, in accordance with policies established by the Directors, and to carry out the functions and duties of the position as prescribed by the Directors in consultation with the University President. The CEO shall report to the Board and the University President.

There may be an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer to whom the Secretary or Treasurer may delegate part of their duties. The Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall report to the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Neither the CEO of the Foundation, the Assistant Secretary nor the Assistant Treasurer shall be considered members or officers of the Foundation nor shall they have voting rights.

ARTICLE 6. FUNDS.

Section 1. Fund Categories. The assets of the Foundation shall be held in various Funds as established in these Bylaws or as the Directors shall designate, with as many
subfunds and accounts within these groupings as shall be necessary or desirable to achieve the purposes of the Foundation and to comply with the terms of gifts to the Foundation. The Foundation's Finance Committee shall review these fund categories at least annually and will recommend changes needed to the Executive Committee and the Directors. "Funds" include General Funds, Designated Funds (including Building Funds), Endowment Funds and other special fund categories.

Section 2. General Funds. General Funds are funds which may be used for the general purposes of the Foundation, including administration of the Foundation's affairs, or funds with restrictions which do not seriously inhibit their use for general Foundation purposes. All donations to the Foundation shall be credited to the General Funds when received, including all principal and income from properties donated to, disposed of, or held by the Foundation, unless the terms of the gift shall require the Foundation to credit such donations or the income of principal from such properties to a specific Designated Fund, as described in the Bylaws, or to a specific use or purpose inconsistent with the general unrestricted use by the Foundation of such donation or the income therefrom.

Section 3. Designated Funds. Designated Funds of the Foundation will be established for each major academic and administrative unit of the University to receive donations to the Foundation which are designated for such purposes. Additional Designated Funds for other specific purposes may be established by the Executive Committee or Directors. The principal of all designated Donations shall be credited to such Designated Fund. Interest income from designated funds shall be credited to the Foundation's General Funds to offset additional university fundraising and support activities unless the terms of the gift specify otherwise.

Section 4. Building Funds. The Board may, from time to time, establish Building Funds for specifically designated capital projects. They shall be administered as Designated Funds.

Section 5. Endowment Funds. Endowment Funds, or Permanently Restricted net assets, are contributions including state matching that must be held and invested in perpetuity as stipulated by the Donor. Only the earnings generated by these investments may be expended and only in accordance with the donor’s intent and the gift agreement. All endowment funds are pooled and invested as directed by the Board. Investment earnings/losses are distributed to each endowment on a yearly basis based on its pro-rated share of earnings/losses generated by the permanently restricted net assets. Unless stipulated by the donor, earnings shall not be permanently restricted. The Board will determine the percentage of yearly earnings to be distributed for spending and the percentage to be held in reserve as added principal. The added principal is available for future spending and although it is temporarily restricted, it may be used to calculate the endowment’s average balance from which future distributions are based. Losses
attributable to permanently restricted net assets must first reduce any added principal held in reserve prior to reducing the corpus of the endowment. Any permanently restricted net asset which has been reduced by losses must be reinstated to its original corpus before any future investment earnings are distributed for spending. No corpus including state matching may be reduced for spending. An administration fee, as approved by the Board, may be charged to endowments. This fee will be covered by the endowment’s investment earnings, but may not reduce an endowment’s corpus.

Section 6. Ownership and Use of Funds.

(i) All Funds described herein shall be the property of the Foundation and shall be owned by the Foundation as defined in and limited by its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and applicable Florida and Federal law and regulations. In such capacity, the Foundation shall have the ultimate authority and control over all property in the Funds, and the income derived there from, for the general purposes of the Foundation.

(ii) The assets and income of any Fund may be commingled with those of other unrestricted funds of the Foundation, or may be invested in units of a common investment fund which may be established or utilized by the Foundation, unless otherwise restricted by the terms of gift. The Foundation shall not have an obligation to commingle the assets for investment purposes and may, in its discretion, retain any assets received or hold the assets of a Fund as a separate unit for investment purposes. Any investment or reinvestment of assets shall be made only in such investments as are appropriate for a prudent fiduciary.

(iii) Specific expenses necessary or desirable for the proper administration of each Fund and subfund shall be charged to that Fund or subfund. General operational and administrative expenses shall be charged to each Fund or subfund in accordance with a formula approved by the Directors unless inconsistent with the terms of the gift or otherwise legally improper. Such charges shall be paid into the General Funds where they may be disbursed to pay such expenses. In the event such charges are inconsistent with the terms of the gift or otherwise legally improper, the Directors shall determine which Funds may be used to pay for such expenses.

(iv) These provisions shall not limit in any way the power and ability of the Directors to accept special gifts from donors which may be used for purposes specified by the donors, if such purposes fall within the Foundation's broad general purposes, and which may be subject to such ownership, income and distribution characteristics and restrictions as the Directors of the Foundation and the donors of such gifts may agree, but no characteristic or restriction shall jeopardize the Foundation's tax exempt status or its corporate charter. The Directors intend that all donations will be administratively grouped as a part of one or more of the Funds specified above or as may be established.
(v) Upon the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of the Foundation, or
decertification of the Foundation by the Board of Trustees, the Directors shall, after
paying or providing for all debts and obligations of the Foundation, transfer the assets
of the Foundation to the University, subject to the conditions, restrictions and
limitations to which the assets were subject when they were assets of the Foundation.

Section 7. Checks and Depositories. Except as may otherwise be specified in these
Bylaws, the Directors shall provide by Resolution which Officers, Directors, or their
designees are authorized to draw checks on the Funds of the Foundation and may
impose any reasonable terms, conditions or limitation on such authority. Checks or
drafts on the Funds of the Foundation shall be signed by any two of the Officers,
Directors, or their designees authorized to do so by the Directors or by these Bylaws.
Funds of the Foundation shall be deposited to the credit of the Foundation only in
institutions approved by the Directors by resolution and only in financial institutions
insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan
Insurance Corporation.

Section 8. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Foundation shall be consistent with the
fiscal year of the University.

ARTICLE 7. APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD.

Section 1. Registration Procedures.

Individuals or group representatives who desire to be heard on a proposition before the
Board shall register in advance of the meeting by completing a public comment form
(“Form”) specifying the agenda item or specific matter on which they wish to be heard.
The Form shall be available at the Foundation’s Board Relations office, and must be
submitted no later than 11:00 a.m. on the business day preceding the Board meeting.

The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with University counsel, shall determine
whether the speaker is entitled to be heard in accordance with applicable law. Only
registered persons who timely submit a Form will be called on to speak during the
public comment period of a Board meeting. Any person who has not timely registered
to speak may request approval to be heard by submitting a Form to staff at a
registration table at the Board meeting location no later than twenty (20) minutes prior
to the scheduled commencement of the Board meeting. Persons submitting any such
untimely requests shall be required to show good cause as to why the person was
unable to timely submit the Form in accordance with these procedures. Any such
untimely requests shall be considered at the sole discretion of the Chair.
Section 2.  Time Limits.

As a general matter, speakers shall be allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes to be heard on a proposition before the Board. At the discretion of the Chair, time limits may be extended or shortened depending on the number of speakers requesting to be heard. Organizations or groups wishing to address the Board on a proposition shall designate one representative to speak on their behalf, to ensure the orderly presentation of information to the Board. If a speaker has requested to speak on more than one agenda item before the Board, the maximum time that will be allotted to any individual speaker during a Board meeting is five (5) minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items or topics to be addressed.

Section 3.  Decorum.

In order to proceed with the essential business of the Board in an orderly manner, the following rules of decorum shall be strictly observed:

1. Persons scheduled to speak shall be called by the Chair at the appropriate time during the meeting. Any person not immediately appearing at the podium when called upon by the Chair shall waive the right to any further participation at the Board meeting. Each speaker shall state for the record his or her name and the organization or group represented, if any. Substitutions for scheduled speakers will not be allowed except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chair.

2. Each speaker’s remarks must be directed to the Chair or the Board as a whole and not to individual board members.

3. Speakers shall confine their comments solely to the proposition before the Board they have asked to speak on. Speakers may not use any form of profanity or loud abusive comments. The Chair may notify and warn speakers that their comments have gone beyond the subject matter for which they had signed up to address. The Chair may turn off the microphone or recess the meeting if a speaker persists in addressing irrelevant topics or engaging in inappropriate comments. The Chair has the authority after one warning to order the removal of the speaker from the meetings.

4. Speakers may not refuse to yield the podium when the Chair has advised that their time is up.

5. No clapping, applauding, heckling, shouting comments from the audience, or verbal outbursts in support or opposition to a speaker or his/her remarks shall be permitted. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the Board meeting. Persons exiting the Board meeting shall do so quietly.
6. Personal cellular telephone conversations shall be prohibited during Board meetings. Ringers must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of proceedings. Any individual or group representative who attempts to disrupt a Board meeting will be subject to appropriate action pursuant to law.

ARTICLE 8. CODE OF ETHICS.

Code of Ethics – Conflict of Interest

Directors stand in a fiduciary relationship to the University and the Foundation. Therefore, Directors shall act in good faith, with due regard to the interests of the University and the Foundation, and shall comply with the fiduciary principles and law set forth in the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes. Directors shall comport themselves in accord with the statutory Code of Ethics and the Conflict of Interest Policy attached to these Bylaws as Appendix “B”. Each Director shall annually complete and sign a disclosure form as required by said policy.

The Foundation shall maintain the highest ethical standards in all of its operations in order to protect and preserve the Foundation’s good name, business interests, and relationships with donors, beneficiaries, and the community at large, and shall adhere to the requirements of the Florida Whistle-blower’s Act, Sections 112.3187 – 112.31895, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Indemnification
The Board shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify and defend each of its Directors, officers, employees, volunteers and other agents against all liabilities and expenses incurred in the connection with the disposition or defense of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which such person may be involved by reason of Foundation service, except with respect to any matter in which such person shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith; and further provided that no settlement shall be entered into without the prior consultation and approval of a duly authorized representative of the Board.

Service of Process
Service of process may be made on the Office of the University’s General Counsel.

Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the Foundation shall commence on July 1 of each year and end on June 30.
Foundation Records and Sunshine Laws; Compliance with Applicable Law
Public access to Board records will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 1004.28(5), Florida Statutes. Board meetings shall be governed by the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. The Foundation shall maintain and/or dispose of all records made or received in connection with Foundation business in accordance with a document retention schedule as the Board may adopt from time to time. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the University shall have the right to audit the books, records and operations of the Foundation, as the University determines appropriate in the exercise of its oversight over the Foundation.

ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, rescinded, or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the voting Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting Directors present. Any amendment to the Bylaws, approved by the Board, shall be submitted by the University President to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to its effective date.

Section 2. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation. Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board by resolution approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting Directors present, subject to approval by the Secretary of State of Florida as required by law and subject to any approval which may be required by the Board of Trustees. Written notice of any proposed amendment of the Articles of Incorporation shall be mailed to each Director not less than fifteen (15) days prior to any meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be considered.

Section 3. Requirements of Florida Law. All amendments to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation shall comply with and be subject to Florida law and appropriate state and University rules, regulations and policies, including, without limitation, any University regulations relating to DSOs.

ARTICLE 11. OFFICE.

The office of the Foundation shall be located at the University.

ARTICLE 12. EMPLOYEES OF THE FOUNDATION

Any person employed by the Foundation shall not be considered to be an employee of the State of Florida by virtue of such employment. Any employee of the State of Florida who is assigned to work on Foundation matters shall not be considered an employee of the Foundation.
ARTICLE 13. SEAL.

The corporate seal of the Foundation shall bear the words "FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC." and "MIAMI, FLORIDA" and the date "1969". The corporate seal shall be used only in connection with the transaction of business of the Board and of the University. The Secretary may affix the seal on any document signed on behalf of the corporation. Permission may be granted by the Secretary for use of the seal in the decoration of any University building or in other special circumstances. The seal of the Board shall be consistent with the following form and design:

ARTICLE 14. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

Where not addressed by these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or Florida law, all matters of procedure shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition).