



# FAC&U

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## Calling all Presidents!

Please join us!

January 21, 2020

2:30-4:30pm

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## More Than 85 Years Later, FAC&U as Important Now as Ever

In 1933, Florida's college and university presidents from all three non-profit sectors (2-year, 4-year, public and private), established the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities (FAC&U). This was at a time when Florida's higher education organizational structure was described by the Dean of Education at UF as "destined to be on the scrap heap." That was over 85 years ago.

Since then, FAC&U member presidents have maintained the importance of the organization for the purpose of constituting "a bond of union between its members in the work of advancing the interests of higher education in Florida..." For over eight decades, FAC&U has maintained a full membership of college and university presidents in Florida -- through countless evolutions of governance structures and controversies.

Despite many differences among diverse post-secondary institutions -- FAC&U creates the time and space for all presidents to address numerous topics of mutual concern. (Continued on Page 2)



# Letter from the President

## More Than 85 Years Later, FAC&U as Important Now as Ever (Cont.)

The following lists just a few of the issues FAC&U has addressed in its long history:

- FAC&U responded to **WWII** and the role of higher education in support of national defense, including campus safety plans for **air raids** and problems caused by the war, **the GI bill** and post-war curricula.
- FAC&U drafted legislation to thwart "**Diploma Mills**" in the mid-1940s.
- In 1957, FAC&U created a "Counselors Handbook" that garnered praise across the country for improving **articulation from high school to college**.
- In the 1960's FAC&U responded to state and national emphasis on high tech industries, the "**race to space**" and **NASA**.
- In 1963 FAC&U took a strong position on "**academic freedom**."
- With heightened student unrest and protests on campuses around the era of **civil rights and Việt Nam**, FAC&U presidents addressed **integration** and reappraised programs and services to better meet the needs of their students.
- Facing tax and budget woes in the 1980's, FAC&U aggressively sought and secured private **grants** along with state and national appropriations, dedicating much of its attention to institutional **leadership and financing**.
- In 1991, FAC&U was instrumental in establishing the Florida Campus Compact to encourage student community service and campus-community collaboration.
- In the rapid acceleration of technology, FAC&U presidents discussed issues like **distance learning** and post-secondary access.
- **Since at least the turn of the century**, (circa 2000-2017) the **FAC&U membership included ALL 70 presidents from every state university, every state/community college and every non-profit independent institution**. During this time, **Annual FAC&U meetings** introduced high quality presentations by thought leaders in higher education, futurists, key legislators, Governors, and more – always with high evaluation marks from the presidents who have attended (roughly 30 to 40 of the 70 member presidents, primarily from the state college and independent sectors attended every year).
- In the Spring of 2011, FAC&U adopted a "**Vision 2020**" statement.
- In 2014, FAC&U adopted and presented a resolution to the Florida Legislature, urging the adoption of legislation to **support military veterans returning to higher education**. The "**Florida GI Bill**" was adopted by the Legislature and signed into law, making Florida a "welcome home" state for veterans and their families.

In very recent years, there have been a number of extenuating factors that have contributed to a decline in presidential participation: the ever-increasing demands on presidents' schedules, budget cuts, special sessions of the Legislature, state performance metrics, competition between institutions and across the three sectors, plus a growing number of presidents who are new to Florida. While a strong sense of camaraderie and a unified voice for higher education in Florida have long been the pillars of the FAC&U foundation, it seems even that may be diminishing. YET, many presidents that the FAC&U organization provides an essential neutral ground for ALL presidents to strengthen peer-to-peer relationships, engage in intellectual discourse, and think collectively about the broader issues impacting higher education and the world. Surely the aforementioned list of diverse issues of the day lends itself to a deeper discussion about what we, as presidents, would like to see and accomplish as a part of FAC&U in the future.



## Welcome to the Board - Robert Boyd

The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF)—of which Rollins is a member—has announced that longtime president, Ed H. Moore, will be stepping down at the end of August. Moore will be replaced by ICUF general counsel Robert Boyd '85, who has long served Rollins' interests in front of the legislature.

Prior to assuming the role of president and CEO of ICUF, Boyd—who doubled majored in history and political science—served as general counsel of the organization since 1995 and as a practicing attorney in Florida. He leaves a position as managing partner of statewide law firm Sachs Sax Caplan, where he was co-chair of the firm's governmental and lobbying group. Boyd is currently an adjunct professor of business law at Flagler College.



## Free College for All? U.S. House Members Advance Sweeping Effort to Lower Higher Ed Costs

By: Allison Stevens, Florida Phoenix 10/31/19

A U.S. House committee passed legislation Thursday that supporters hailed as a "down payment" on a long-sought liberal goal: free college education for all. The sweeping measure from Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, aims to help more Americans of all backgrounds obtain high-quality college degrees by increasing affordability, accountability and accessibility in higher education.

With a price tag in the billions, the legislation would fund states that waive tuition at community colleges and invest in their public colleges and universities, which proponents say would lower costs for students and families.

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## FAMU SBI Faculty Member Recognized For Promoting Women in Business

By Miracle Grant, FAMU News.

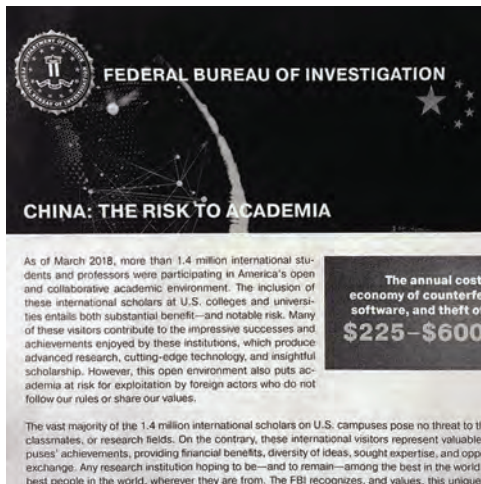
Image vis FAMU

Gina Kinchlow, MBA, a long-time marketing instructor in the Florida A&M University (FAMU) School of Business and Industry (SBI) and a business consultant, was recently recognized for her efforts to promote women in business. Kinchlow received the Women's Business Council (WBC)'s Catalyst Award from the Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce (BBMC) for her efforts to help female entrepreneurs in the community grow their business.

"Gina Kinchlow personifies the term 'catalyst' on so many different levels," said Christic Henry, chair of the Women's Business Council of the Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce. "Her gift in strategic communication and leadership has left a lasting legacy for our Council and has influenced countless other women of all ages across this community. It was an honor to honor a woman who serves with excellence as an educator, team leader, entrepreneur and quintessential supporter of success for many." [READ MORE...](#)



# News from Across the State



## FBI Advises Universities on Chinese Economic Espionage

By: Eric Tucker, Associated Press 10/7/19 Image: AP Photo

The FBI has been reaching out to colleges and universities across the country as it tries to stem what American authorities portray as the wholesale theft of technology and trade secrets by researchers tapped by China. The breadth and intensity of the campaign emerges in emails The Associated Press obtained through records requests to public universities in 50 states. The emails underscore the extent of U.S. concerns that universities, as recruiters of foreign talent and incubators of cutting-edge research, are particularly vulnerable targets.

The emails show administrators mostly embracing FBI warnings, requesting briefings for themselves and others. But they also reveal some struggling to

balance legitimate national security concerns against their own eagerness to avoid stifling research or tarnishing legitimate scientists. The Justice Department says it appreciates that push-pull and wants only to help universities separate the relatively few researchers engaged in theft from the majority who are not. [READ MORE...](#)

## Initiative Working Toward Workforce Education

By: Florida Politics staff (publisher: Peter Schorsch, Florida Sunburn)

Image: DOE Commissioner Richard Corcoran

Gov. DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran want Florida to be the No. 1 state for workforce education by 2030. Accomplishing that goal will take some buy-in from colleges, and college presidents say they're institutions stand ready to do their part.

The Florida College System Council of Presidents announced a new initiative this week to back up that commitment. The newly created Council of Workforce Education will be structured within the Association of Florida Colleges and led by professionals within higher education that are workforce subject matter experts. [READ MORE...](#)

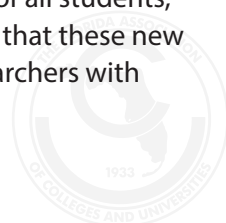


## Florida State University Receives Multi-Million Dollar Grants for Special Education Programs

By: Florida Politics staff (publisher: Peter Schorsch, Florida Sunburn) Image: College of Education Dean Damon Andrew Image vis FSU

Florida State University's College of Education has received three multimillion-dollar training grants for projects aimed at addressing the shortage of qualified special education teachers. All three of the five-year grants are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs and will help educators improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

"The College of Education is committed to addressing the needs of all students," College of Education Dean Damon Andrew said. "We're confident that these new projects will help equip the next generation of teachers and researchers with the skills to ensure student success." [READ MORE...](#)



## News from Across the State

### Senator Bobby Powell Proposes "Florida Internship Tax Credit Program" for Florida Businesses

By: Florida Politics staff (publisher: Peter Schorsch, Florida Sunburn) Image Credit: Photographer Colin Hackley

Companies themselves could soon get credit in Florida for providing internships. Legislation (SB 642) filed by state Sen. Bobby Powell would give tax incentives to employees that give opportunities to students. The West Palm Beach Democrat's proposed "Florida Internship Tax Credit Program" would cut businesses a break for bringing in student interns, so long as companies can prove some history of turning interns into employees.

The legislation sets up specific criteria for what qualifies as an intern and what criteria a company must meet within the program. Only interns who are seeking degrees from Florida colleges, universities or technical centers would count. Powell's program would be explicitly aimed at seniors and graduate students at these institutions. Academic requirements also get laid out in Powell's bill. [READ MORE...](#)



### Thad Seymour Sr., former president of Rollins College, dies at 91

By Lisa Maria Garza, Orlando Sentinel 10/27/19. Image by Sharon Espedido, Orlando Sentinel

Former Rollins College President Thaddeus Seymour Sr., known for his volunteerism and commitment to his community, died Saturday, his family said. He was 91. Seymour moved to Winter Park in 1978 with his wife, Polly, and five kids to take the job as the 12th president of Rollins College and served in office for 12 years.

"It was a very peaceful passing, surrounded by family," said his son Thaddeus Seymour Jr., the interim president at the University of Central Florida. "At 91, you can't do better than that." Rita Bornstein, who succeeded Seymour as Rollins president in 1990, remembered that he ordered the bells at Knowles Memorial Chapel to chime after her appointment was announced.

Born in New York City in 1928, Seymour attended Princeton University and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. He earned his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. [READ MORE...](#)

### NSU Names New Dean of the Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship

By: NSU Newsroom 10/16/19.  
Photo vis NSU

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Rosman, Ph.D. as the dean of its H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

In this position, Dr. Rosman will be responsible for developing and enhancing the college's strategic initiatives, long-term planning and policy setting. He will also lead the faculty and staff in curriculum development, institutional assessment and improvement and will cultivate relationships with alumni and donors.

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