Subject: Designation of Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta as Trustee Emeritus

Proposed Board Action:
Adopt a Resolution that designates Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta as Trustee Emeritus.

Resolution:
WHEREAS, Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta’s dedication to higher education was made evident in his leadership and service as a member of the State University System of Florida Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arrizurieta was appointed to the FIU Board of Trustees in 2007 where he served dutifully for over ten years in various capacities including as its vice chairperson from 2016 until the end of his term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arrizurieta has demonstrated his passion and unyielding commitment to FIU by selflessly giving of his time and service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT at its regular meeting this 5th day of September 2018, does hereby recognize, commend and express its gratitude to Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta for his contributions to Florida International University,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT grants Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta the status of Trustee Emeritus of this Board with all the rights, honors and privileges thereunto appertaining; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Administration take all actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Background Information:
Florida Statute 1001.74(1)(c) provides each university board of trustees with “the authority to govern its university as necessary to provide proper governance and improvement of the university in accordance with law and with guidelines of the Board of Governors.”

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(1) delegates to each university board of trustees “all of the powers and duties necessary and appropriate for the direction, operation, management, and accountability of each state university.”

Section 3.5 Emeritus Status of the BOT Bylaws provides that the Board shall have the special member categories of Chairperson Emeritus and Trustee Emeritus for honorary purposes to recognize past Chairpersons and Trustees who have provided distinguished and extraordinary service and contributions to the University and are no longer serving in that capacity. Trustees shall be elected by a two-thirds vote
of the Board for either of the above defined designations. Trustees receiving the Chairperson or Trustee Emeritus title may attend meetings of the Board but shall not have the right to vote and shall not be considered in constituting a quorum. This provision shall only be applicable to Trustees whose Board service commenced prior to June 30, 2014; thereafter, this provision shall no longer be effective.

Supporting Documentation:  N/A