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FIU hires Klock as business college dean

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Florida International University hired [David R. Klock](#) as the dean of its College of Business, a position he currently fills for the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Klock will replace [Joyce J. Elam](#) as dean on Oct. 1. Elam will remain dean of University College, which covers FIU Online and its market-rate and continuing education programs.

This isn't Klock's first stint with a public Florida university. He previously held faculty positions at both the **University of Florida** and the **University of Central Florida**, where he was chairman of the Department of Finance. He was also the dean of the College of Business Administration at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

At UAB, Klock was credited with leading efforts to commercialize intellectual property.

In the private sector, Klock was chairman and CEO of CompBenefits Corp. before it was sold to Humana in 2006. He has also been on the boards of the Cheesecake Factory and Province Healthcare.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead FIU's College of Business, an organization that is an exceptional international center of respected research, student growth and a true champion of entrepreneurship under Joyce Elam's leadership," Klock said in a news release. "I look forward to expanding on the college's outstanding reputation in international business and extending its global reach."

FIU's College of Business has about 6,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduates.

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