

David R. Klock named dean at FIU College of Business

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Florida International University

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Florida International University said Tuesday that David R. Klock, Ph.D., has been appointed dean of FIU's College of Business and Ryder Eminent Scholar in Business. He will assume the position Oct. 1, succeeding Joyce J. Elam.

Klock is currently dean of the School of Business at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and serves as the university's Wells Fargo Chair of Business Administration. He was previously dean of the College of Business Administration at Cal Poly Pomona. He has also held faculty positions at Virginia Tech, University of Florida, Texas Tech, and the University of Central Florida, and was professor and chair of the Department of Finance at UCF.

Between his time as a faculty member and his tenure as a dean, Klock spent 15 years as president, chief executive officer and then chairman of CompBenefits Corp., which was sold

to Humana in 2006. During his time there, CompBenefits' revenue rose from less than \$20 million to more than \$350 million.

Klock has served on a number of corporate boards, including Cheesecake Factory and Province Healthcare. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Northeastern University in Boston, and his master's degree and doctorate in finance from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

When Klock arrives this fall, Elam will step down as dean of the College of Business and will continue her role as dean of University College, overseeing FIU Online and the university's market rate and continuing education programs, FIU said.