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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S IT FACULTY RANKED AMONG BEST IN U.S. FOR RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY

MIAMI, Fla. - (Feb. 19, 2003) - In a recent study published by OR/MS Today (December 2002), a bi-monthly magazine for members of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS), Florida International University’s College of Business Administration’s (CBA) information technology (IT) faculty ranked 7th in the U.S. among universities surveyed for their research productivity.

The study examined the research performance of business schools’ quantitative/technical departments as reflected in published articles in four INFORMS journals between 1990-2002. According to researchers, these flagship journals were chosen due to their prestige and because INFORMS, through its conferences and publications, represents high quality in quantitative/technical research. These same journals, with the exception of one, also are part of a very limited and exclusive list used by BusinessWeek in evaluating the ranking of the best business schools.

“We're delighted that our IT faculty are being recognized for their research and that the CBA ranks alongside some of the most respected business schools in the nation,” said Joyce J. Elam, executive dean of the CBA. “As the information technology sector expands, we will continue to encourage and support our faculty, many of whom are already internationally-recognized for their achievements in research.”

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The CBA’s Decision Sciences and Information Systems Department faculty was included among some of the country's most respected business schools, such as The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California and the Graduate Schools of Business at University of Texas at Austin and Stanford University. The CBA’s IT faculty has received additional recognition for its research achievements – *The Academy of Management Journal* (December 2000) published a study that ranked the IT faculty among the top 20 (11th) in the U.S. in terms of research productivity.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and information technology (IT), is the largest of FIU’s professional schools. It enrolls approximately 3,400 students in its undergraduate program and more than 1,100 graduate students in its Chapman Graduate School of Business each year. It also is South Florida’s top-rated business research school and one of only 435 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College’s Chapman School offers the 6th-largest part-time MBA program among this group. *Business Week* (October 21, 2002) ranked it among the best in the U.S., placing it in the third tier group along American, Fordham, George Washington, South Carolina, Syracuse, Rutgers, Tulane, and others. The August 23, 2002 issue of *America Economia*, a premier pan-regional business journal, rated it among the top 50 international MBA schools for Latin American students. *Hispanic Business* (March 2002) ranked the CBA among the top five business schools for Hispanics. The College also is one of only 30 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support an international business center.

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