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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ADDS DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS TO DEAN’S COUNCIL
Executive Dean Joyce Elam Continues to Build Alumni and Community Partnerships

MIAMI, Fla. – (March 17, 2003) – A select group of nine prominent local, national, and international business leaders recently joined the Dean’s Council established by FIU’s College of Business Administration (CBA) Executive Dean Joyce J. Elam. The Council, which consists of approximately 25 influential business executives from a cross-section of industries, works with the Dean on important initiatives and provides valuable insight into program development while working to foster the CBA’s reputation as a leading international business school.

“It’s very gratifying to see our Council expand as we attract new members of such prominence in the business community,” Elam said. “Their varied areas of expertise, business knowledge, and contacts are extremely valuable to the College as we work to achieve our strategic goals.”

Newly appointed Council members include Michael A. Contreras, executive vice president, Global Corporate & Investment Bank, CitiGroup; Thomas M. Cornish (BBA ’85), executive vice president, Corporate & International Banking Division, SunTrust Bank; Rui Da Costa, vice president and general manager, Enterprise Systems Group, Latin American & Caribbean Hewlett-Packard Company; Jesse Tyson, president, ExxonMobil Inter-America, Inc.; Dennis Klinger (MBA ’75), vice president of information management, Florida Power & Light Company; Luis Gabriel Merizalde, regional vice president, Latin America & South Africa Region, General Mills; Carlos Sabater (BBA ’81), managing partner, South Florida & Puerto Rico, Deloitte & Touche; Federico Sanchez, Entrepreneur, and Raul Valdes-Fauli, partner, Steel Hector & Davis International.

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Existing members of the Dean’s Council include Daniel H. Aronson, shareholder, Greenberg Taurig, P.A.; Robert Bell (BBA ’81), Entrepreneur; Patricia Dahne, regional president, Miami-Dade County, Coldwell Banker Florida; Jorge Diaz, partner, Ernst & Young LLP; Angel Medina, Jr. (BBA ’92), president, Miami-Dade County, Union Planters Bank; Carlos Migoya (MBA ’76), president, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Wachovia Bank; Alvaro G. de Molina, corporate treasurer, Bank of America Corporation; Jeanne Moreno, chief information officer, Citrix System, Inc.; Diane Sanchez, president & CEO, Internet Coast Exchange; Gabriel Sanchez-Zinny, partner, Egon Zehnder International; Oscar Suarez, partner, KPMG, LLP; Augusto L. Vidaurreta (BS ’80), founding principal, RAM Strategy, Inc.; Amy Wagner-Pomares (MBA’89), group director, Investor Relations, Ryder System, Inc.; Dr. Norman Weldon, president, Partisan Management Group and Enrique Zambrano, CEO, Grupo Proeza, S.A., Mexico.

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 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 with 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 National Hispanic Corporate Council recently selected the College as its academic partner because of its expertise in issues related to Latinos in the workplace and marketplace. The College also is one of only 30 business (more)
schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support a center for international business education and research.

For additional information about the CBA and its Chapman School, please call Sally Gallion, Assistant Dean for Marketing, Communication, and Publications at (305) 348-6631, email gallions@fiu.edu or visit the College’s website at www.fiu.edu/~cba.