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FIU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION APPOINTS
DR. LEWIS DAVIDSON DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS PROGRAMS AT
BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

MIAMI – (July 3, 2001) – Joyce J. Elam, dean of Florida International University’s (FIU) College of Business Administration (CBA) has named Professor of Accounting Dr. Lewis Davidson to serve as director of business programs at FIU’s Biscayne Bay campus.

In his new post, Davidson will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the CBA at the Biscayne Bay campus, representing the interests of the College’s faculty and programs and serving as a liaison between the Biscayne Bay and University Park-based business faculty.

“Dr. Davidson’s broad range of administrative, teaching, research, and consulting skills makes him an obvious choice for overseeing our business programs at the Biscayne Bay campus,” Elam said. “He is a tremendous asset to this institution.”

Davidson brings more than four decades of professional experience to his new post, with strengths in financial, industrial and public accounting as well as in economics, statistics, marketing, management, and MIS.

Davidson’s degrees include a B.S. and M.S. in accounting, as well as a Ph.D. in psychology from Penn. State University. Prior to joining the CBA as a professor and director of its School of Accounting in 1984, the Wingate, PA native spent nearly 20 years teaching at several prominent educational institutions, including The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The University of Illinois, The University of Texas at Austin, NYU, The University of Connecticut and Penn. State University.

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Throughout his educational tenure, Davidson has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In addition to serving as Distinguished Resident Faculty for the prestigious Doctoral Consortium of the American Accounting Association, Davidson has been recognized for his outstanding teaching prowess, receiving teaching awards from both FIU students and faculty. He has also been named Outstanding Chapter Faculty Vice President of Beta Alpha Psi, the professional fraternity of Accounting. A member of the Financial Executives Institute, Davidson has served as president of its Southern Florida Chapter.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business and information technology (IT), is the second largest of FIU’s 16 schools and colleges, enrolling approximately 3,800 undergraduate and more than 900 graduate students each year. One of only 405 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB--International, the College offers the 8th largest part-time MBA program among this group and its IT faculty has been ranked among the top 20 (11th) in the U.S. in terms of research productivity. It is one of only 28 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support a Center for International Business Education and Research.

Business programs at the Biscayne Bay campus include course offerings in the required undergraduate business core and in the MIS major. Ten faculty represent the CBA at the campus.

For more information about the CBA, call (305) 348-6631 or visit the College’s website at www.fiu.edu/~cba.

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