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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WELCOMES TWO NEW PROFESSORS OF ACCOUNTING

MIAMI, Fla. – (August 19, 2003) – Executive Dean Joyce J. Elam recently appointed Kanna Raghunandan, Ph.D. and Dasartha Rama, Ph.D. as professors of accounting in the College of Business Administration at FIU. Both will begin teaching at the College this month at the start of the new term.

Most recently, Raghunandan and Rama (who are married) taught at Bentley College. Before that, they held positions at The University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and Texas A&M.

While at Texas A&M, Raghunandan served as the Radcliffe Killam Distinguished Professor of Accounting. Raghunandan, who will teach accounting and auditing at the CBA, also worked as an internal auditor with TI Investment Group, Ltd., in India. His recent research has been cited in testimony before the U.S. Senate during post-Enron hearings and he has served as a consultant to the U.S. General Accounting Office.

Rama, who will teach in both the School of Accounting and the Department of Sciences and Information Systems, has expertise in accounting information systems, systems analysis and design and project management. Before pursuing graduate studies, she worked as a programmer analyst with IDM Limited, India.

Raghunandan and Rama are well published; between them, they have written more than 23 articles in premier publications and close to 40 in high-quality journals. Raghunandan earned the title of the nation’s most prolific writer in his field during his Ph.D. graduating year, 1992. Raghunandan is the associate editor of Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory and his articles have been published in several other premier accounting and auditing journals, including Journal of Accounting Research, Contemporary Accounting Research, Accounting Horizons, Issues in Accounting Education, Journal of Accountancy, CPA Journal, and Internal Auditor.

Rama’s publications include a textbook, Accounting Information Systems: A Business Process Approach, and three computer-assisted instructional software packages in the areas of financial and managerial accounting. Her work has been published in a wide variety of
accounting, information systems and educational journals as well: *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Accounting Horizons, Issues in Accounting Education, ACM Transactions on Information Systems, IEEE Transactions on Communications and European Journal of Operations Research* and others. Additionally, she was the editor of a monograph on service-learning, co-sponsored by the KPMG foundation, that was published by the *American Association for Higher Education*. She currently chairs the Teaching & Curriculum (T&C) section of the American Accounting Association. Between 1999-2001, she was an Engaged Scholar with *Campus Compact* under a grant funded by the *Pew Charitable Trusts*.

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 454 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 group 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 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.

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

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