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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WELCOMES TWO NEW PROFESSORS

MIAMI, Fla. – (September 3, 2003) – Joyce J. Elam, Executive Dean of FIU’s College of Business Administration (CBA), recently appointed Michael Prietula, Ph.D., as Ryder Systems Eminent Scholar, and Professor of both Accounting and Decision Sciences and Information Systems. She also appointed Kaushik Dutta, Ph.D., as Assistant Professor of Decision Sciences and Information Systems.

Prietula, who graduated with a Ph.D. in information systems from the University of Minnesota, is an expert in computational organizational theory, in the social dynamics of organizations and systems, and in modeling and simulations of systems. He has published five books on computational organizational theory and the use of systems technology in business and has published extensively in such journals as Organizational Science, MIS Quarterly, and Information Systems Research, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology and Journal of Experimental Social Psychology. Currently, he is the recipient of $180,000 funding award from the National Science Foundation for a research project called Integrating Models of Trust, Gossip and Emotion for Article Agents. Previously, he has been a faculty member at Emory University’s Warrington College of Business and Fischer School of Accounting, at Johns Hopkins University, at Dartmouth College and at the University of Minnesota.

Dutta graduated with a Ph.D. in information technology management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has several years of professional and research experience in the fields of electronic commerce, database systems, and data management. Previously, he was as a senior software engineer and systems architect.
for private firms in India and in the U.S. He also has taught in the Management Information
Systems program at the Georgia Institute of Technology’s Dupree College of Management,
where he lectured on the topic of unified modeling language. He has published articles in
*VLDB Journal, IEEE Internet Computing, Management Science,* and *IEEE Transactions in
Mobile Computing.* In addition, he has received numerous awards for his professional
conference papers and academic performance.

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. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the College’s undergraduate
international business program 14th in the nation. *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 15, 2003
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](http://www.fiu.edu/~cba).

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