



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. Rob Gidel  
Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees  
Liberty Capital Advisors LLC  
7380 Sand Lake Road, Suite 500  
Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Chairman Gidel:

We have been informed that you are asking for guidance on my position regarding a possible tuition increase. As you know, I vetoed the Legislature's recommended three percent tuition increase from the budget because I oppose increasing tuition, as it would essentially be a tax increase on Florida families.

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cc: Chief Operating Officer Ava Parker, Florida Polytechnic University  
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. Lewis Bear, Jr.  
University of West Florida Board of Trustees  
6120 Enterprise Boulevard  
Pensacola, Florida 32505

Dear Chairman Bear:

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cc: President Judith A. Bense, University of West Florida  
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Dr. R. Bruce Taylor  
University of North Florida Board of Trustees  
Taylor Engineering, Inc.  
10151 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Building 300, Suite 300  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Dear Chairman Taylor:

We have been informed that you are asking for guidance on my position regarding a possible tuition increase. As you know, I vetoed the Legislature's recommended three percent tuition increase from the budget because I oppose increasing tuition, as it would essentially be a tax increase on Florida families.

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Board of Trustees, University of North Florida  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. John B. Ramil  
University of South Florida Board of Trustees  
TECO Energy, Inc.  
702 North Franklin Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Chairman Ramil:

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Board of Trustees, University of South Florida  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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May 24, 2013

Mr. Anthony K.B. Barbar  
Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees  
4800 North Federal Highway  
Suite B105  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear Chairman Barbar:

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cc: President Mary Jane Saunders, Florida Atlantic University  
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Dr. Solomon L. Badger, III  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
6733 Marion Court South  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Dear Chairman Badger:

We have been informed that you are asking for guidance on my position regarding a possible tuition increase. As you know, I vetoed the Legislature's recommended three percent tuition increase from the budget because I oppose increasing tuition, as it would essentially be a tax increase on Florida families.

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cc: President Larry Robinson, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Board of Trustees, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Ms. Robbie Roepstorff  
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
13000 South Cleveland Avenue  
Ft. Myers, Florida 33907

Dear Chairman Roepstorff:

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cc: President Wilson Bradshaw, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives





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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. Albert Maury  
Florida International University Board of Trustees  
Leon Medical Centers  
11501 SW 40th Street  
Miami, Florida 33165

Dear Chairman Maury:

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cc: President Mark B. Rosenberg, Florida International University  
Board of Trustees, Florida International University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives





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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. Allan G. Bense  
Florida State University Board of Trustees  
GAC Contractors  
1405 West Beach Drive  
Panama City, Florida 32401

Dear Chairman Bense:

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cc: President Eric Barron, Florida State University  
Board of Trustees, Florida State University  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. William R. Johnston  
New College of Florida Board of Trustees  
9219 12th Avenue NW  
Bradenton, Florida 34209

Dear Chairman Johnston:

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cc: President Donal O'Shea, New College of Florida  
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida  
Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, State University System of Florida  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
President Don Gaetz, Florida Senate  
Speaker Will Weatherford, Florida House of Representatives



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GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. Michael Grindstaff, Esq.  
University of Central Florida Board of Trustees  
Schutts & Bowen LLP  
300 South Orange Avenue, Suite 100  
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Chairman Grindstaff:

We have been informed that you are asking for guidance on my position regarding a possible tuition increase. As you know, I vetoed the Legislature's recommended three percent tuition increase from the budget because I oppose increasing tuition, as it would essentially be a tax increase on Florida families.

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**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 24, 2013

Mr. C. David Brown, II  
University of Florida Board of Trustees  
Broad And Cassel  
390 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1400  
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Chairman Brown:

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Board of Trustees, University of Florida  
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