Dear FIU family:

As a complement to the reorganization that was just announced by the Provost, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz as Associate Vice President of Administration and Institutional Development. Pablo comes to FIU from the Miami-Dade County Public School System where he most recently served as an Associate Superintendent.

In his new role at FIU, Pablo will provide administrative and operational guidance in identifying efficiencies and leveraging opportunities for maximizing returns for our current operating locations at the Engineering Center, Biscayne Bay, the Wolfsonian, as well as our newer locations including FIU@Brickell, FIU at I-75, the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, the Miami Beach Urban Studios, Aquarius, and the Kampong. Pablo will be tasked with annual goal setting for each location, metrics of accountability and periodic review. He will also be responsible for conducting periodic assessments of student safety, ensuring the highest level of facility maintenance and repair, representing the university in community settings, and negotiating with community and business leaders in the development of new and improved business relations. He will work collaboratively with senior university administration as well as with deans and program chairs to ensure the highest level of customer and service excellence at each site.

Pablo began his career as a Physical Education Teacher in 1993 and has since held the positions of Assistant Principal, Principal, Provost – Miami Edison Senior High, Assistant Superintendent and his most recent appointment of Associate Superintendent. During his tenure at Miami Edison, the school produced its first Silver Knight recipient in over 18 years and three students earned the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship award. He was able to bring new academies to the school and developed numerous partnerships – one being a partnership with FIU. As a result he has been the only Principal to receive the Miami Dade Public School Principal of the Year Award twice, the first in 2006 and the other in 2012 while at Miami Edison.

As Assistant Superintendent Pablo spearheaded the expansion of the Education Transformation Office from 26 to 108 schools district-wide which is tasked with developing a system that incorporates the School Improvement Grant model within broader reform efforts centered on improving teaching and learning. As a result, the Education Transformation Office is currently supporting 78 schools as they begin year five of the program’s implementation and continues to be recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Florida Department of Education.
Throughout his career he has garnered many accolades to include the Cervantes Award at Nova Southeastern University in 2014, Miami Dade Hall of Fame Inductee in 2011, and the Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education among others. He has also served on numerous community boards to include the Miami Children’s Initiative, Action for a Better Future, City Year, Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA), Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), and Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA).

Pablo earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from our very own FIU, his Master of Science in Educational Leadership K-12 from Nova Southeastern University and his Doctorate in Educational Leadership K-12 from Nova Southeastern University.

Pablo and his wife Ana Mary (FIU Alumna) are the proud parents of Pablo, Alexandra (FIU Alumna) and Amanda.

Please join me in giving a warm Panther welcome to Pablo. There will be a transition as the Miami-Dade Public School System’s academic year comes to an end and he will officially step into his new role at FIU on May 4, 2015.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Rosenberg
President