

MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2012

Dear students, faculty and staff:

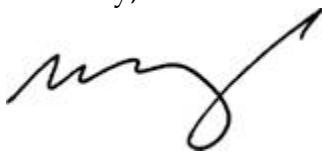
Last week, I visited Tallahassee to make a presentation to the House Education Committee on a variety of issues, including diversity, STEM degrees, and the future needs of our institution.

When asked a question by House Committee Chairman Rep. William L. Proctor regarding the issue of tuition in Florida's State University System, here is what I answered: "I can't tell you that I'm enthusiastic about raising tuition to the national average in the next three years because that would have a significant impact upon students who matter to me. I'm not convinced that the financial aid would be there to reduce the difficulty and the pain."

Some of you may have read today's Beacon story about that trip. Unfortunately, the Beacon erroneously indicated that I enthusiastically supported increasing tuition. To listen to my full presentation to the House Education Committee, please click [here](#). To hear my thoughts on tuition increase, fast forward to time index 94:10.

On Wednesday, January 25, we will travel to the state capitol again as we celebrate FIU Day and show how unique our institution is. As in years past, we will update you regularly between now and the end of the legislative session. If at any time you want to learn more about developments in Tallahassee, I invite you to visit our [Governmental Relations](#) page. If you have questions about this topic, please don't hesitate to write to me at this e-mail address.

Sincerely,



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President