Dear members of the university community:

Today is a dark day in our history.

Just five days ago, we stood on 8th Street, united in celebration. Tonight we grieve for all the victims of the bridge collapse.

The bridge that was being built was about collaboration, hope, opportunity, and determination.


Now we are feeling immense sadness.

Our hearts go out to all those affected, their families and friends.

The university will be open on Friday. However, here are some important details to keep in mind:

- **Southwest 8th Street, from 107th Avenue to 117th Avenue is closed** until further notice.
- The eastbound exit from the Turnpike also is closed. Please use the Northwest 12th Street exit or the Southwest 40th Street exit. Please allow additional time for your commute to work.
- Please note that **PG4, PG5 and PG6 are closed to cars** but open for any scheduled events or activities. Please park in PG 1, 2, 3 or surface lots and walk to the garages.
- **We are running shuttles** between Lot 3 (in front of the SASC building) and the 4th Street Commons building in Sweetwater. Shuttles will run every 20 minutes according to the following schedule:
  - Friday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - The shuttle will not run on Saturday, March 17.
  - Sunday, March 18 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.
We have counseling resources available for students, faculty and staff. Students who feel affected by this tragedy, should reach out to Counseling and Psychological Services. Faculty and staff can reach out to the Office of Employee Assistance, 305-348-2469, or e-mail oea@fiu.edu to schedule an appointment.

The FIU Center for Children and Families is offering free individual consultations for any families with children who may have been affected by the bridge collapse. Call 305-348-0477 to schedule an appointment.

Faculty and staff who have been directly impacted and feel the need to take time off, please notify your immediate supervisor.

We should take comfort in the fact that even on this dark day, there were glimmers of light. Our FIU doctors, nurses and medical students rushed to the scene as soon as they heard the collapse. They checked on many who were hurt and offered life-saving aid before rescue crews arrived.

There will be more difficult days ahead, but even as we mourn and reflect, there is still goodness and hope in this world.

Please keep everyone affected by this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Rosenberg
President