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Dr. Kevin Coughlin joined the FIU family as the University Registrar in February of 2014. Kevin began his career in higher education as a freshmen recruiter at Alaska Pacific University where his territory included every high school to which he could drive or take a small airplane. Since beginning his career, Kevin has led enrollment management, institutional research, and academic assessment teams across at a variety of levels and across the spectrum of institutional contexts.

As the first Director of Admissions and Records at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Kevin contributed to the institution's successful effort to obtain autonomous accreditation from SACS COC. More recently, he served at Florida Southwestern State College as the Dean of Institutional Research, Planning, & Effectiveness, the Institutional Registrar, and the Director of Academic course Level Assessment. From these diverse experiences, Kevin developed skills in the fields of enrollment management, administrative technology, institutional research, and assessment; he also developed a commitment to achieving the goals of institutional missions that focus on adult learning and development.

Kevin earned his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida where he worked with research teams to explore aspects of research ethics, self-directed learning, meta-analyses, and the use of effect sizes in published research. This work culminated in Kevin's dissertation entitled "An Analysis of Factor Extraction Strategies: A Comparison of the Relative Strengths of Principal Axis, Ordinary Least Squares, and Maximum Likelihood in Research Contexts that Include Both Categorical and Continuous Variables." Since earning his degree, Kevin presented papers focusing data modeling, factor analytic methods, and the value of exploratory factor analyses for institutional researchers at regional SAS User Groups conferences, Florida Association for Institutional Research Annual Conference, and the Association for Institutional Research 2016 National Forum.