

December 23, 2002

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members, Florida Board of Education

**FROM:** Carl W. Blackwell, Interim Chancellor  
Division of Colleges and Universities

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of New President for Florida State University

On Wednesday, December 18, 2002, the University Board of Trustees of Florida State University selected their thirteenth president. A summary of the process the Trustees used to reach this decision, the resume of Dr. T. K. Wetherell, their selected candidate, and a statement relative to Dr. Wetherell's fit to the current needs of FSU are enclosed for your information.

At this time the law requires that we receive materials from the university and that the Florida Board of Education act to ratify the Trustees' selection of a university president. I have reviewed the materials submitted and have had conversations relative to the process used for selection. Florida State elected to engage the services of an executive search consulting firm. I am comfortable that the process used by the university was appropriately executed and resulted in the selection of a qualified candidate.

We anticipate that an FBOE conference call will be scheduled sometime next week to take up the ratification of Dr. T. K. Wetherell. A separate communication from the Secretary will give you those details.

CWB/aem

Enclosure