

NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: April 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Approve New Members to the New College Foundation Board of Directors

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Appointment of New Members to the New College Foundation Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

The New College Foundation is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The Foundation and its Board of Directors manages an endowment and a collection of funds that are invested for growth. Each year, endowment earnings are distributed, providing private support, as determined by donors, for students scholarships, academic programs, faculty research, and more. The New College Foundation operates as a Direct Support Organization of New College.

Through prudent stewardship of donors' gifts, the New College Foundation is able to ensure stability for programs and provide scholarships for students.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Bios of the Proposed New Members to the New College Foundation Board of Directors;
New College Regulation 2-1004 Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees.

Facilitators/Presenters:

Mary Anne Young, VP of Advancement and Executive Director of the New College Foundation

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ESTHER BARAZZONE '64

Esther is an alum of New College's charter class who retired from Chatham University in 2016 after 24 years as president. Under Barazzone's leadership, Chatham experienced extraordinary changes, including: the acquisition of university status in 1997; the decision to admit male undergraduates in 2014; adding graduate and doctoral programs; increasing enrollment from 500 to more than 2,000 students; increasing a diminishing endowment to \$85 million, and building an environmentally sustainable campus—and the first carbon-neutral campus in the world at Chatham's LEED Platinum Eden Hall campus.

Prior to Chatham, Barazzone was vice president of academic affairs at Philadelphia University, associate provost of Swarthmore College, director of corporate and foundation relations at the University of Pennsylvania, and a faculty member at Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges (where she taught modern European intellectual history). Throughout her career, Barazzone has been engaged in issues related to higher education, women's opportunities and leadership, and global education.

In recent years, she has been extensively involved in sustainability education and initiatives at the university level. A civic leader as well, Barazzone is a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, and her work in international education has been recognized by honorary degrees and citations from universities in Japan, Korea and Pakistan. Her career has been recognized by conferring of the "History Maker Award" from the Heinz History Center, the Pittsburgh Susan B. Anthony award. The Pittsburgh Business Times Lifetime Achievement and CEO of the Year was awarded in 2016, as well as the Rachel Carson Award for outstanding leadership in sustainability.

MARGEE ENSIGN '73

Margee studied peace studies at New College under Professor Peggy Bates, is currently the president of the American University of Nigeria (AUN), where she also served from 2010 to 2017. Ensign is renowned for founding and leading the Adamawa Peace Initiative (API), which successfully promoted peace and countered Boko Haram through education, youth empowerment, and humanitarian assistance for 300,000 refugees.

She served as president of Dickinson College from 2017 to 2021 where, under her leadership, the College became the first to twice receive the Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization, and deepened its commitment to civic engagement by establishing the Center for Civic Learning & Action. Ensign started her career as an assistant professor at Columbia University.

The author and editor of six books, including *Rwanda: History and Hope*, and *Confronting Genocide: Dehumanization, Denial and Strategies for Prevention*, Ensign has been internationally

recognized for her work in development, the education of women and girls, and for her peace building, literacy education and humanitarian work. She has presented to the World Economic Forum, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the American Council on Education, and has testified before Congress on global education, international affairs and foreign assistance

LARRY GEIMER

Larry is a principal in the Sarasota-based firm, Kerkering, Barberio & Co., where his practice areas include tax compliance and tax planning. In addition to being highly regarded for his professional expertise, Geimer has a deep record of community service and leadership, including positions as a board leader or committee member for such organizations as the YMCA Foundation of Sarasota, the Sarasota County YMCA, the Florida Music Foundation and Legal Aid of Manasota. He is a graduate of Leadership Sarasota and is a member of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council and the Sarasota Economic Development Committee.

KARIN GUSTAFSON

Karin has spent over 30 years in a non-profit executive leadership setting as the first Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of Sarasota and as President of the Y Foundation of Sarasota. After her 2013 Y retirement she formed her own consulting practice with service to the Institute for the Ages and Designing Women Boutique. In 2014 she turned her life-long hobby of collecting into "Karin Causes" (connecting people to worthy causes via the sale of items they love). With a sharp eye she scouts out art, designer decorator items and collectibles and conducts an annual sale benefiting charities. To date well over \$30,000 has been raised via these sales with 100% of the proceeds benefiting local non-profits. She has been a board member since January 2017.