



Item: CG: A-2

## COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

**SUBJECT: APPROVE PROPOSED NEW MEMBER TO THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BOT approve the election of a new board member, Cheryl L. Wilke '88, to the Florida Atlantic Foundation Board of Directors.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Purpose of Action:**

Per Florida Statute 1004.28 (3) effective March 11, 2018, The Chair of the University Board of Trustees shall appoint at least one representative to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of any direct-support organization established under this section. The President of the University for which the direct-support organization is established, or his or her designee, shall also serve on the board of Directors and the Executive Committee of any direct-support organization established to benefit that university. The University Board of Trustees shall approve all appointments to any direct-support organization authorized by this subsection.

**Proposed Member's Prior Relationship with FAU:**

**Cheryl L. Wilke '88, Partner-in-Charge, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Cheryl is partner-in-charge of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP's Fort Lauderdale office. Hinshaw is a national law firm with more than 450 lawyers. The firm was founded in 1934 and is headquartered in Chicago. Cheryl specializes in labor and employment law. She also serves as the firm's business development partner and is a founding member of the diversity committee. In 2014 Cheryl was chosen as one of Florida's Most Influential Business Women by the South Florida Business Journal. That same year the Journal listed her on their Power Leaders in Law & Accounting list. Cheryl studied political science and English at Florida Atlantic University; she graduated with a B.A. in 1988. In 1991 she

graduated with a J.D. from Stetson University College of Law. Cheryl is married to Joel H. Feldman. He is a partner with Feldman & Schneiderman P.L. Joel has been in practice for more than 40 years and focuses on family law and litigation. He has a B.A. in government from Georgetown University and is a graduate of Duke University School of Law. Joel is on the Georgetown University Alumni Association Board of Governors. Cheryl and Joel support Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County; Florence Fuller Child Development Centers; Georgetown University; and Duke University School of Law Alumni Association. The couple resides in Boca Raton.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Upon Board Approval.

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