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## Popovich named president of Ferris State U. *Scheduled to take up new position on August 1*

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Current FAU President Helen Popovich announced on Friday, May 19, that she has accepted the presidency at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

Popovich will begin her new job at Ferris on August 1, as chief executive officer. "She will receive an annual salary of \$95,000, the use of the University residence, an automobile and a fringe benefits package," according to Patricia M. Coyle, director of public affairs. Currently, as president of FAU, Popovich makes \$98,063 annually and receives \$20,000 for annuity and housing costs.

"My intention is to stay [at

FAU] in this position as long as possible—until August 1," said Popovich. She plans to oversee the budget considerations, keep up with actions by the legislature and the Board of Regents, as well as the governor. "The Board of Regents has a meeting in July when they examine the [FAU] budget for next year." Popovich will also remain active on the committees she's presently involved in. "I really care about FAU."

Bruce Kingery, chair of the Ferris Board of Control which voted unanimously to select Popovich stated, "We are very fortunate that she has agreed to assume the presidency of Ferris State University, thus becoming the first woman president in the institution's history and the first woman president of any of the 13 autonomous public universities in

Michigan."

"I felt I was warmly received when I visited the campus... it was the first time I had been in that part of the country," remarked Popovich.

Last week Popovich removed her name from the running for the position of Kean College president in Union, New Jersey. Popovich was also a candidate for the position of Montclair State College president in Montclair, New Jersey, but another candidate was chosen.

Popovich received her bachelor's and master's degree in English at the University of Texas at El Paso in 1955 and 1958, respectively, and her doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1965. She worked at the Univer-



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Helen Popovich

was acting president from 1981-1983, served as vice president for academic affairs from 1980-1981, and from 1978-1980 served as dean of liberal arts.

Since 1983 Popovich has served as president of FAU. Over the past six years she has helped FAU evolve into what it is today. "As we move into the next phase [of

development]," says Popovich, "it seems like a good time to turn the reigns over to someone else."

Popovich says she will miss FAU. "I will miss the campus, and its development of Greek housing along with the young people coming in." She wants the university to be as important to the young, as well as, to the old.

## FSA gets tough *Lobby group fights for FAU*

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The Florida Students Association held a conference call on Wednesday May 17. Participants in the conference call included FAU Student Body President Mariann Rowland, the other eight Student Body Presidents, Gary Zirin executive director of FSA and Barbara Bowden, Legislative Director of FSA.

Bowden informed the SBP's that the State Senators that are proposing the tenth State University in Broward County are, Sen. Weinstein and Sen. Macpherson. They are affectionately calling their proposal "Everglades University". Bowden continued, "They have succeeded in holding money hostage that would of originally gone to FAU and FIU for programs in Broward". This bill is called SB1388 and must pass through the committee on higher education before it can be considered on the senate floor. Representative Ray Laberti is on that committee. Rowland stated, "I feel confident this bill will die in committee. Ray Laberti tends to be very sensitive to the students needs and wants." Zirin added, "the BOR has already voted against this proposal. Nevertheless we are not going to just sit around and wait for things to happen. Laura Arnoff the student lobby director at FAU has started a letter writing campaign and we are going to hit the legislators hard on this issue." USF SB President Darby James said, "We all need to address this issue. Should it pass the money would be taken from all of our universities." According to Zirin, Senator Gordon has introduced an amendment that has passed. This amendment will force the BOR to lift the enrollment caps that were set on FAU and FIU.

The next FSA meeting is scheduled for July 8 and 9 in Tallahassee. Florida State University will be the host for this meeting.

On October 1, the FSA will be implementing their new voting structure. At that time the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of South Florida will have 3 votes and will pay \$14569.83 in dues. Florida Atlantic, Florida International and the University of Central Florida will have two votes and will pay \$9713.22 in dues. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and the Universities of North and West Florida will have one vote and will pay \$4856.61. FSA has a three year plan which will eventually have all the State Universities paying the same amount while also having an equal amount of votes. "The new voting structure has caused some trouble, said Zirin. We will probably have to liquidate this corporation and start a new one."

FSA has another conference call set for Wednesday May 24 at 4:30pm.

sity of South Florida from 1965-1978, serving as associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters from 1977-1978, and as associate chairperson of the department of English from 1973-1977.

From 1978-1983 Popovich served in various positions at Winona State University. She

## FAU Foundation holds elections

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Sydney Altman was elected president of the FAU Foundation for 1989-90 at the annual meeting held April 13. Others elected to the Foundation are vice president Wilme Elmore, secretary Bernard Cohen, and treasurer

William C. French.

Established in 1961, the Foundation is a private, non profit, corporation which supports a variety of University projects including scholarships, fellowships, and research for academic programs in which no state funding has been allocated.

Membership to the Foundation is open to those individuals and organizations that contribute a minimum of \$10,000 over no more than ten years. Those wishing to contribute can do so in various ways. There are several categories of recognition including: Ambassadors—those with contributions over \$100,000. Presidents club are those members with contributions of \$10,000, and Century club is an annual giving of \$100 or more.

## SG lobbying by phone

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The long distance service on phones in the Student Government offices had to be discontinued because of phones bills that have run in excess of \$1,000. Controller Vicki Abbott reported during the student senate meeting last Thursday, May 18, that all open service phones except three will not have long distance service.

Student Body President Mariann Rowland said during the SG meeting that they could not trace who made the unofficial calls because those who use the phones never log in calls. Rowland does not plan on developing a log book for long distance calls, however, she plans on changing the code numbers.

According to Rowland, last semester the senate requested a phone to make long distance calls and somehow the privilege was taken advantage of. "I think it's a shame it got out of control," said Rowland about having to cut back on long distant services. During the senate meeting which was held on May 17 Rowland was asked several times about the large phone bills. Much of the telephone use is because of lobbying that has been done on the students behalf, according to Rowland. We have had issues such as the potential name change, and the proposition to raise tuition by 15 percent. "We have to speak with legislators in Tallahassee to prevent these proposals from getting passed," said David Kidd Speaker of the Senate. With the problems we are still facing in Broward county, there is plenty of lobbying left to do."

In 1988 the Foundation had many accomplishments. There were a number of people who helped to introduce the University to the community through various activities. Such people and events include: Hume Cronyn, award winning actor, writer and director addressed members at a Sunday brunch in February. Lorin Hollander "dazzled" the crowd with his piano skills on March 28 at the Foundations Benefit Concert. Sam Donaldson was the featured speaker in the annual Berte and Bernie Cohen Lecture Series. In attempting to continue expanding its commitment to FAU, the Volunteer League established a Library Endowment Fund. Other Volunteer events included a Benefit Brunch Cruise and an address on the history of FAU at the Holiday Cocktail Buffet.