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A message to the USFSP community from interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth

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— William Hogarth, Ph.D.,
interim regional
chancellor of USFSP.

Dear USFSP Community,

This is my first day on campus as your interim regional chancellor and I want you to know that I am honored to have this opportunity. I am also honored to be able to build on Dr. Sullivan's many accomplishments by working with the outstanding faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders in my new capacity. I want to thank President Genshaft for her confidence in me. These are exciting times for me and hopefully for USFSP, too.

Since 2010, USFSP has flourished under the vision and leadership of Dr. Sullivan. Under Dr. Sullivan's leadership, USFSP faculty and staff have supported record student enrollment and graduating students. Research funding was heightened from \$800,000 to \$6 million and new undergraduate and graduate degrees are being offered. And the University Student Center and first student health clinic open this Fall! Because of her passion and perseverance, our students are being served better than ever. We thank Dr. Sullivan for her hard work and dedication to USFSP and wish her much success in her new endeavors.

My job, as I see it, will be to evaluate and foster collaborations among USFSP, the College of Marine Science and the Florida Institute of Oceanography, and strengthen our local community

bond. I also want to establish new USFSP traditions while solidifying our relationship with the USF System. Finally, I want to maintain our momentum on campus as Dean Biafora chairs a blue ribbon search committee to recruit the most outstanding candidate who can articulate the USFSP vision and lead permanently.

In the coming weeks, I will be working with USFSP board leaders, faculty, staff, students and the wider community to identify our institutional needs, especially during these times of financial uncertainties; I want to ensure that USFSP has the resources and is prepared to operate successfully in providing students the best education and experience while at USFSP. Together we will make decisions to continue the upward progress USFSP has been making, including a new building for the College of Business, a top priority for the USF System Board of Trustees.

I'm enthused about the opportunity to work with the USFSP family and I ask for your allegiance in keeping USFSP on a trajectory of growth with quality, and to maintain our long-standing dedication to student success.

Go Bulls!

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.