## FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Robert E. Nixon, Petitioner, 2011 JUN 23 A 11: 44

v.

AUMINISTRATIVE FAMU Case No. 10-004
DOAH Case No. 10-9599

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FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

Respondent.

## FINAL ORDER

This matter is before Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees ("FAMU," "Respondent," or the "University") for final agency action. Robert E. Nixon, Petitioner, was previously employed by the University as Director of the FAMU Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce. ("Institute") On or about July 1, 2010, the Grand Jury for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division, issued an indictment against Petitioner alleging certain criminal violations as more fully set-forth in Respondent's Exhibit 1, attached hereto. As a result of the said indictment, the University, on July 8, 2010, immediately severed its employment relationship with Petitioner. (See Exhibit 1) Petitioner requested a review of the University's action, and the matter was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings. ("DOAH") The cause was initially set for hearing commencing January 18, 2011, but was continued pending the outcome of Petitioner's federal trial. On November 12, 2010, Petitioner was convicted on all counts. (Respondent's Exhibit 2) By Order entered January 11, 2011, the file at DOAH was closed and jurisdiction was relinquished to the University.

**Accordingly**, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the July 8, 2010 termination of Petitioner is hereby ratified.

DONE and ORDERED this 20th day of June, 2011.

James H. Ammons

President

Filed with FAMU this

**20**<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

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FĂMU Clerk

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing one copy of a notice of appeal with the Clerk of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees, Office of the General Counsel, Lee Hall, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32307, and a second copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the First District Court of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of this Final Order.

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