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Former COSAM Department Head Will Lead Florida Atlantic University



John Pritchett

Florida Atlantic University Provost John Pritchett was named Wednesday as FAU's interim president. He will fill-in for Dr. Frank Brogan when he assumes his new job as Florida's statewide university chancellor.

Dr. Pritchett, 67, has been at FAU since 2004, coming from Auburn University where he served in many positions including head of COSAM's former Department of Zoology and Wildlife Science; associate and acting provost; and dean of the Graduate School. He was one of the first new major hires Brogan made after becoming FAU's president in 2003.

Brogan's last day has yet to be determined, but Board of Trustee Chairwoman Nancy Blosser said she believes it will be early to mid-September. The Board of Governors chose him as chancellor last week.

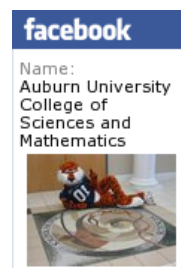
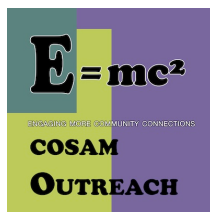
Pritchett, whose appointment to the interim position was unanimous, told trustees he does not want to be a candidate for the permanent position.

"I told Frank, this is my last stop. I'm not interested in going other places," Pritchett said. "We have a lot of things going on in this university, and we're not going to miss a beat." Trustees will discuss how they want to handle the search for a permanent president in September during a two-day retreat.

Pritchett, who has a doctorate in Animal Physiology and Biological Chemistry from Iowa State University, was praised by trustees as someone who has the respect of faculty as well as administrators.

"I think he's an excellent selection. There isn't anybody who could do a better job," said trustee Armand Grossman. "He won't just keep his hands on the tiller. He will be a leader."

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