



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2016

TO: President John E. Thrasher

FROM: Sally McRorie *Sally McRorie*
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Dedman School of Hospitality Movement from College of Business
Information Item

I have approved a request from the Dedman School of Hospitality to become a unit independent of the College of Business, reporting directly to the Provost. Separating the School from the College will enable the College to better meet its accreditation benchmarks and rise in the ranks of business schools across the nation, as well as provide more flexibility to the Dedman School in meeting the needs of its students. Both the faculty members in the Dedman School and the College of Business administration support this request. In accordance with University policy, the proposal to move the Dedman School was voted on by the affected faculty members and was approved by an overwhelming margin. A number of prominent alumni and employers in the field of Hospitality have been informed and are also supportive of the move.

When this change takes place at the beginning of spring semester 2017, the Dedman School of Hospitality will be moved out of the College of Business and into a direct reporting relationship to the Provost. This will include all Dedman School faculty and staff members, who will report through the Director, Don Farr; the one existing bachelor's-level degree program (Hospitality Management, C.I.P. 52.0901) and all of its associated majors; and all Dedman School courses in existence at that time.