

***From: Anthony A. Koyzis PhD***  
***Re: President, Florida Gulf Coast University***

September 20, 2016

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of application for the position of President, Florida Gulf Coast University

I am confident that my experience and credentials qualify me for the above mentioned position. I am currently the Assistant to the President of the Board of the University of Nicosia in Cyprus for International Collaboration / Global Engagement and Online Programs. I have been in this capacity since 2013 and at the moment I am also serving on the Board and the Planning Council of the new University of Arts, Sciences and Maritime Studies in Ibusa- Asaba, the Delta State in Nigeria, this has been a joint venture between the University of Nicosia and the Nigerian Navy. I also serve as the Director of Graduate Programs at for the University of Nicosia Online (a Global Online University serving over 12,000 students online from Africa, the Near East SE Europe and the former USSR), The Cyprus Institute of Marketing has also appointed me as the External Director for Post-Graduate and Distance Learning Programs and their representative on a number of European Higher Education Commissions. Before coming to Cyprus I served as the Provost and Assistant to the President at West Liberty University. I have also served for three years as the Founding Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at Longwood University in Virginia. My prior experience includes holding the position of the Dean of Education, Counseling and Graduate Studies at Wayne State College in Nebraska for 5 years. I also served as a Department Chair for 9 years and was the Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Director of International Education, etc. at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

As the Provost at West Liberty University under my leadership I was instrumental in the creation and development of the Honors College, the development of the Advanced Academy of West Virginia (an early entrance program for qualified high school juniors and seniors). Additionally I was also the impetus behind the university's development of the Office of Graduate Studies (as well the development of fully functioning Graduate capacity at the WLU), the creation of WLU Global, the university's new fully online program development and delivery center. The development of a Comprehensive International Education Center as well lead the development of several new graduate and undergraduate programs ie. International MBA, a Masters in Professional Studies, several concentrations in the MA Education as well as such programs as an undergraduate Athletic Training Program, an Arts Therapy program and a Digital Media Design program. I have been involved in the final stages of implementing a new Masters in Physicians Assistant Studies program. At Longwood University as the

Founding Dean overseeing all the University's Graduate programs, I also lead the University's Distance, Continuing and Extended education endeavors and Online and Hybrid programs. I was also instrumental in the development of and continue to support the Center for Faculty Enhancement (the university's faculty development entity), Longwood's 'Blackwell Talks' and 'Blackwell Research Initiatives' both programs developed to support faculty research and innovation. Furthermore, I also was instrumental in the development of an international collaborative program with several universities in Greece which includes student and faculty exchanges, collaborative research (funded by European Union auspices) and delivery of deliver professional development opportunities for School Systems and Communities in central Greece in the areas of Digital Technology implementation, etc.

At Wayne State, an institution with approximately 4000 students, I oversaw Teacher Education, Counseling, Human Services, and Educational Administration and Leadership programs. In addition I served as the Dean by overseeing all the on-campus as well as off-campus (Distance Education, Online, International Delivery, and Learning Communities) Graduate Programs (Masters, Specialist levels as well as the new cooperative Doctorate in Education program offered at Wayne State College by the University of South Dakota). Wayne State is the largest institution in the Nebraska State College System offering both undergraduate and graduate programs. In my capacity as the Dean I had oversight over undergraduate and graduate program delivery across Northern, Northeastern and Central Nebraska, Northwestern Iowa and Southern South Dakota. During my tenure at Wayne State I led the effort to plan, design and deliver the first of its kind in the US- MS in Educational Administration – utilizing a Learning Community delivery format. In addition to this our MS in Elementary and Secondary Education – Learning Community Format doubled served locations with now running 9 Learning Communities in 8 different locations in Nebraska and Iowa. The Educational Specialist program transitioned to one that is available either totally online, on- campus or via distance education and it is the largest Specialist program in Nebraska. I coordinated the first year of implementation of a new MS in Education with emphasis in Biology-Medical Sciences, a collaborative program between Wayne State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha (a grant funded program). I was also involved in plans for the delivery of Masters level programs (Computer Information Systems, MBA, ESL, and Communication Studies) in collaboration with the Lamia Institute of Technology (a State supported Applied Technology Institution) in Lamia, Greece.

In the past I have worked with the Greek Ministry of Education as a consultant for "Graduate Educational Reform", a European Union 3 year funded program. The University of Thessaly in Volos, Greece in 2003 had asked me to work with their School of Humanities and Education in writing a number of EU Community Support grants focusing on the development of several (taught) Masters and Doctoral level programs. One of those programs was the Masters and Doctorate in Organization and Administration in Education. As a visiting professor I was involved in the design, planning and development of these two degree programs. Since 2005 I have also been teaching seminars for the above mentioned programs, plus working with over 50 Masters Thesis and 19 Doctoral students. Since Mary 2010 I serve as a member of the core team

overseeing a 4 year European Union – Greek Ministry of Education Grant focusing on the implementation of Educational Technology in Greek Secondary Schools as well as the adaptation of Digital Readers in Greek Technical – Occupational Secondary Schools in Greece.

My work as the Dean of Education, Counseling and Graduate Studies has also given me a chance to interact and collaborate successfully with on-campus Schools and Departments as well as external partners (i.e. Schools, School Districts, Human Services Agencies, Community Agencies, and Industries etc.) In addition to my collaborative experience, I also have experience in accreditation and assessment. In particular I serve as the Longwood University Administrator on the SACS Team and during my tenure at Wayne State College I was the campus NCATE director as well as oversee the development of a campus – wide Electronic Assessment Project. I also served on the institutional level Strategic Planning Board key member of the AQIP process and have directed the International Education efforts on campus and functioned as the administrative designee who oversees the International Scholars and Students Recruiting and Advising program.

As the Dean at Wayne State our school authored and received 12 new grants focusing on diversity. Three of these grants were authored and delivered in partnership with such entities as a regional community college (working to attract Hispanic students to enter education or related profession), the Omaha reservation, Little Priest Junior College (a Winnebago Nation Tribal College) a recruiting grant focused on recruiting qualified students from diverse background from the greater Omaha metropolitan area and a grant with a local Educational Service Unit to assist in the delivery of reading instruction especially to English Language Learners in small rural schools.

My experiences as the Assistant to the President at the University of Nicosia, the Provost at West Liberty University, the Founding Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at Longwood University and as a Dean of Education, Counseling and Graduate Studies at Wayne State College prepares me well for the position of President of Florida Gulf Coast University  
Thank You.

Sincerely,

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