I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy gives University hiring officials the ability to waive the position vacancy announcement and/or advertising of various positions. It also establishes guidelines for when a waiver is warranted.

II. REASON FOR POLICY

This policy was created to provide hiring officials with a flexible method of filling positions that have become vacant due to unanticipated circumstances or to meet compelling needs and interests of the University.

III. APPLICABILITY AND/OR ACCOUNTABILITY

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IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. Advertisement: Any announcement or message placed by the University on a website or in mass media to convey information about a new, vacant, or pending vacant position.

B. Diversity: A general term that takes into account differences such as culture, ethnicity, language, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, and other factors.

C. Difficult to Recruit: Instances where challenges exist when filling position vacancies because of 1) a lack of qualified applicants having relevant, requisite skills, knowledge or abilities for a certain position, 2) where compensation or economic factors are primary deterrents for successful candidates to accept a job offer or, 3) other factors beyond the control of FGCU during the search and screen process.
D. **Position Description:** Reflects the purpose, responsibilities, accountabilities, and essential/marginal functions of a job.

E. **Vacancy:** Any position not occupied by a University employee.

V. **PROCEDURES**

A. **Coordination:**

The waiver of a position vacancy announcement and/or advertising is coordinated by the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources (HR) and University departments/units making the hiring decisions.

B. **Procedure:**

1. A waiver may be requested by the hiring official or higher personnel due, to unanticipated and/or compelling circumstances, to contribute to the achievement of unmet institutional employment benchmarks, or to hire someone into a difficult-to-recruit position.

2. Prior to the submission of a Request for a Waiver of Advertising by the hiring official, that hiring official must receive consent to proceed from his/her immediate supervisor.

3. Requests for waivers should be submitted in writing to the University’s OIEC Director with a copy to the HR Representative, accompanied by documentation of the reasons pertaining to the situation. At a minimum, this documentation should include:

   a) A memorandum from requestor describing the specific circumstances and rationale for the request.

   b) The resume or curriculum vitae of the candidate.

   c) The position description (A&P or SP only).

   d) An acknowledgement from the designated HR Representative indicating the candidate meets at least the minimum qualification of the vacant position.

   e) Any other pertinent information that should be considered such as the source from which the candidate was identified and whether previously advertised or posted efforts to fill the position failed.

4. Requests by the hiring official (not a VP) to waive the required advertising must be supported, documented and previously authorized by the
appropriate Dean, Director, and/or Department Head, and authorized by the appropriate Vice President or President (if hiring official is a Direct Report to the President).

5. After a review by OIEC and HR of the waiver request (under this policy) and its related documentation, OIEC and HR will acknowledge that the requirements from their respective areas for a waiver have been satisfied. If the requirements for a waiver are not satisfied, the Request will be returned to the hiring official, informing him/her of the deficiencies in the Request.

6. Waivers are sent to the Vice President or President, as appropriate, for approval, and are granted on a case-by-case basis.

VI. RELATED INFORMATION

Non-Discrimination and Equity: This policy is in line with the University’s Non Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Regulation (FGCU-PR 1.003) and shall not be used to abridge the requirements of equal opportunity and fair employment afforded by other University policies and procedures.

Search and Screen Guidelines; See Forms for Download “Request for Waiver of Advertising Form

VII. HISTORY

New 05/18/2010

VIII. APPENDICES

None

APPROVED

*sl\Wilson G. Bradshaw
President

May 18, 2010

Date

*Note: This policy reflects changes to the formatting only. No changes have been made to the text.
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ADVERTISING

Date: ____________

Department with Vacancy: __________________________________________

Hiring Official: ____________________________________________________

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Vacant Position: _____________________________________________________

Person Desired to Fill Vacancy: _______________________________________

Unanticipated and/or Compelling Circumstances:

Documentation Provided: _____________________________________________

Other Pertinent Information: _________________________________________

Acknowledgement of Satisfaction of Requirements

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