FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
AND NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

2009

The Florida State University (University) is an equal employment opportunity employer and educational provider committed to a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veteran or marital status, or any other protected group status. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, visitors, applicants, and contractors in a manner consistent with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, orders and rules, and University's policies, procedures, and processes.

In pursuing its mission of excellence as a comprehensive, graduate-research university with a liberal arts base, the University strives to create and maintain a harmonious, high performance work and educational environment.

It is my expectation that all members of our community are provided equitable opportunities to succeed and enrich the strength, skill and character of the University. It is also expected that all members of our community will help create a work and educational environment that promotes fairness, respect and trust, free from discrimination or harassment. Behavior that may be considered offensive, demeaning, or degrading to persons or groups will not be tolerated.

The University will continue to reinforce its commitment of non-discrimination to all groups protected by state and federal law. We will continue to monitor our methods of recruitment, retention and advancement of qualified faculty, staff and students and annually examine our affirmative action plan, as prescribed by federal guidelines, to measure whether our campus is reflective of the community we serve.

The University further recognizes that forms of discriminatory or harassing behavior may create an unwelcomed or hostile environment and lead to an uncomfortable situation. As a result, the University has established internal complaint procedures available to all who believe their experience on any of our campuses has been less than appropriate.

To facilitate or otherwise strive to ensure university-wide compliance, I have appointed Renisha Gibbs, Director, Human Resources/Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity and Chief Diversity Officer to develop, administer and coordinate university-wide initiatives and complaint investigations. This will be accomplished through collaboration with the Office of the Dean of the Faculties and all other University divisions and departments.

Questions regarding the above may be directed to your supervisor or Renisha Gibbs at (850) 644-8082 or rgibbs@admin.fsu.edu.

President T. K. Wetherell