

Charter of the Florida Space Institute 2012

Preamble

In order to support space research, development, and education activities within the University of Central Florida and the broader State of Florida, and secondarily to support the development of Florida's space economy—civil, defense, and commercial, the University of Central Florida (UCF) does hereby create this new charter for the Florida Space Institute (FSI).

Article I. Purpose of the Charter

The purpose of this charter is to provide a framework for the Florida Space Institute (FSI), a UCF institute to be based at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Article II. The Mission of FSI

The core mission of FSI is to support space research, development, and education activities within UCF and other FSI member institutions in Florida, and secondarily to support the development of Florida's space economy—civil, defense, and commercial.

Article III. Institutional Membership of FSI

FSI member institutions may include any of Florida's private and public colleges and universities, companies with a presence in Florida, and State, local, and Federal entities within Florida. FSI's membership may be expanded or reduced by agreements between FSI and other institutions as appropriate. FSI membership agreements shall be made at the discretion of the FSI director with the concurrence of the VP for Research and Commercialization. Member institutions will participate in FSI's mission with specific contributions determined by the FSI director.

Each FSI member institution will designate a faculty member or administrator/executive to be their point-of-contact (POC) to FSI. Each individual member institution will be responsible for the salary and associated expenses for their appointed FSI POC.

Article IV. Organization of FSI

FSI shall be headed by a director, and an assistant director, each appointed by the university Vice President supervising UCF's Office of Research and Commercialization (hereafter "ORC VP").

FSI's director will have general responsibility for the operation of the Institute. The FSI director will directly report to ORC VP. FSI's assistant director shall report to the director of FSI and shall assist the FSI Director in the operations of FSI as the FSI director desires. The director of the FSI shall organize FSI as appropriate to conduct its mission, subject to approval by the ORC VP. The FSI director may appoint an FSI Board of Advisors of his/her choosing, with the concurrence of the VP for Research and Commercialization.

Article V. Space Research Initiative

FSI shall be the responsible UCF entity managing the State of Florida-funded Space Research initiative (SRI).

Article VI. Florida Space Grant Consortium

FSI shall house the Florida Space Grant Consortium (FSGC), which is based at UCF, and whose Director shall report to the FSI Director.

Article VII. Fiscal Agent of FSI

The University of Central Florida shall be the fiscal agent for the Florida Space Institute. UCF shall be responsible for contracting and accounting on all FSI projects.

The University of Central Florida Foundation shall act on behalf of FSI for gifts and contributions. The UCF Foundation shall distribute the gifts and contributions to the other academic members if appropriate, as directed by the FSI director with the concurrence of the VP for Research and Commercialization.