

FIU FOOTBALL

It's Official FIU Football Program Approved

MIAMI (May 17, 2000) – The Florida Board of Regents approved today a Division I-AA football program at Florida International University to begin in the fall of 2002.

"The FIU family is very happy with the BOR decision," said Modesto A. Maidique. "We now look forward to fielding the team of student athletes that will work hard to earn their education and also represent FIU on the playing field."

FIU will immediately move to hire a coaching staff, begin the recruiting process, and start expansions to its existing on-campus stadium.

"FIU's students and alumni have wanted a football team for a long time," said Don Strock, director of football operations at FIU. "I am very happy that we are now able to bring them one, and we are going to work hard to make sure that it becomes a team they can be proud of."

As part of the BOR approval, FIU will add two women's sports to equalize the number of male and female participants in FIU athletics. Women's rowing will begin in 2002 and swimming will begin in 2004.

For more information on the FIU Football team visit the FIU website at www.fiu.edu

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