



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Donna E. Shalala, President

**From:** Richard L. Williamson  
Chair, Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Williamson'.

**Date:** April 19, 2013

**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-45(C) – Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the  
Departmentalization of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

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At its April 17, 2013 meeting, the Faculty Senate adopted by majority with one negative vote the following resolution concerning the departmentalization of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Last year, the Senate informed the School that it had no objection to departmentalization but did not require it. The move to departmentalize the School has broad acceptance, but the exact plans to do so were highly controversial within the School and the Senate. The Senate, after extensive debate decided on an incremental approach, reflected in the following Legislation:

### Resolution

The Senate hereby:

1. Approves the departmentalization of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS).
2. Decides that as an interim matter, the departments will correspond to the six existing divisions.
3. Reiterates that if at any time the school believes that the evidence indicates that an alternative organization of departments better serves the interests of the School and the University, it may seek authorization by the Senate of such a change.
4. Specifies that the School, in consultation with the divisions of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography; Marine and Atmospheric Chemistry; and Applied Marine Physics, shall report to the Senate on this matter by November 2014, with a proposed final resolution to maintain or modify the department structure.

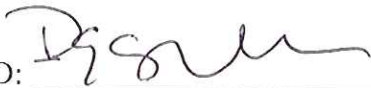
This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

RW/rh

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Roni Avissar, Dean, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science  
RSMAS Senate members

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-45(C) – Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Departmentalization of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

not APPROVED:  DATE: May 25 2013  
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean AVISSAR

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY  
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: Dean AVISSAR

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_

Refer back to the RSMAS faculty for further consultation and decision on department structure.