Historical Presidents and Current Officers of the University

Presidents of the University Since 1887*

George Edgar 1887 – 1892
Alvin Lewis 1892 – 1897
Albert A. Murphree 1897 – 1909
Edward Conradi 1909 – 1941
Doak S. Campbell 1941 – 1957
Albert B. Martin (Acting President) 1957
Rober M. Strozier 1957 – 1960
Milton W. Carothers (Acting President) 1960
Gordon W. Blackwell 1960 – 1965
John E. Champion (Acting President) 1965
John E. Champion 1965 – 1969
Stanley Marshall (Acting President) 1969
Bernard F. Sliger (Interim President) 1976 – 1977
Bernard F. Sliger (Interim President) 1993
Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte 1994 – 2002
T.K. Wetherell 2003 – 2010
Eric J. Barron 2010 – 2014
Garnett S. Stokes (Interim President) 2014
John Thrasher 2014 –

*Prior to 1887, the school’s executive officer was called the principal.

Source: Office of the President
Online Resource: The Office of the President’s website can be accessed online at http://president.fsu.edu/

President John Thrasher

John Thrasher, a Florida State University alumnus and former state legislator, is the university’s 15th president. His term began on November 6, 2014, and he assumed office on November 10, 2014.

Thrasher earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Florida State in 1965. He subsequently joined the U.S. Army where he received the Army Commendation Medal in Germany and was awarded two Bronze stars for his service in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a captain in 1970. Thrasher then returned to his alma mater to earn a law degree with honors in 1972.

From 2001 to 2005, Thrasher was the first chair of Florida State University’s Board of Trustees. Born in Columbia, S.C., Thrasher grew up in Jacksonville after moving to Florida in 1949. He and his wife, Jean, have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Senior Administration Team of Florida State University

Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  Sally McRorie
Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement  Janet Kistner
Vice President - Finance and Administration  Kyle Clark
Vice President for Research  Gary K. Ostrander
Vice President for Student Affairs  Amy Hecht
Vice President for University Advancement  Thomas W. Jennings
Associate Vice President for University Relations  Kathleen Daly
Assistant Vice President for University Communications  Browning Brooks
Chief of Staff  David Coburn
General Counsel  Carolyn Egan
Chief Legislative Affairs Office  Kathy Mears

Others Reporting Directly to the President

Director, Student Veterans Center  Billy Francis
Deputy Chief of Staff  Elizabeth E. Hirst
Athletics Director  Stan Wilcox

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