Office of Human Resources

Retirement

For Florida State University Faculty
Retirement Options

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*Enrollment in one of these plan options is mandatory for all faculty members.*
Optional Retirement Program (ORP)

- Defined contribution plan – similar to a 401(k)
- Employee pre-tax contributions:
  - Mandatory – 3%
  - Voluntary – can contribute up to an additional 5.14%
- University contributions:
  - 5.14% of gross salary
- No vesting period
- Deadline to enroll:
  - 90 days from date of hire – strictly enforced
Optional Retirement Program (ORP)

• Start or stop voluntary contributions at any time

• IRS maximums (per calendar year):
  – $19,000 if under age 50
  – $25,000 if age 50+

• See investment company representatives for tax law/limit information
Optional Retirement Program (ORP)

• Approved Providers
  – Five investment companies to choose from:
    ▪ AIG (formerly VALIC) – (850) 297-0780
    ▪ AXA – (850) 893-9535
    ▪ MetLife – (850) 385-0259
    ▪ TIAA – (877) 267-4510
    ▪ Voya – (850) 894-9611
FRS Pension Plan

- Defined benefit plan – guaranteed lifetime monthly benefit
- Employee pre-tax contributions:
  - Mandatory – 3%
- 8 years of service to vest (does not need to be continuous)
- Retirement eligibility:
  - Age 65 or 33 years of service (at any age)
  - Vested
- Early retirement: 5% penalty per year under age 65
- Part-time faculty receive full service credit
- OPS/Adjunct teaching does not count toward retirement eligibility
FRS Pension Plan – DROP

• Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

• Begin accumulating retirement benefits without terminating employment – up to 60 months

• Eligible once requirements for normal retirement are met

• Eligibility to join expires 1 year after normal retirement requirements are met
  – Exception: employees who have 33 years of service before age 57 can defer participation
FRS Pension Plan

• Annual retirement benefit is based on:
  – Average Final Compensation (AFC)
    ▪ 8 highest fiscal years’ earnings during FRS career
  – Years of “creditable” service (A&P, Faculty, and USPS)
  – Percentage value per year: 1.6%

• Benefit formula:
  – AFC x Service x Percentage Value per year = yearly pension amount
FRS Pension Plan

• Disability retirement (8 years eligible service required)
• Survivor benefits
• Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS)
  – $5 per year of service
  – Maximum of $150 to monthly benefit
• Annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  – Based on current law
• Deadline to enroll:
  – end of the 8th month after your month of hire
  – automatically enrolled in the FRS Investment Plan
    if you fail to make an election
FRS Investment Plan

• Defined contribution plan – similar to a 401(k)
• Employee pre-tax contributions
  – Mandatory – 3%
• University contributions
  – 3.3% (combined total of 6.3%)
• 1 year of service to vest
• Normal retirement age is 59½
• For more information:
  – My FRS Financial Guidance Line: 1-866-446-9377
  – www.myfrs.com
FRS Investment Plan

• Not eligible for DROP
• Diversified choice of investment funds
• No Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase
• Eligible for Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS)
  – $5 per year of service
  – Maximum of $150 to monthly benefit
• Normal retirement age is 59½
• If you fail to make any retirement election, you will default into this plan.
FRS – 2nd Election

• FRS plan members (excluding renewed members) have one opportunity to switch from:
  – FRS Pension Plan to FRS Investment Plan OR
  – FRS Investment Plan to FRS Pension Plan

• ORP members are not eligible to use the 2nd Election

• A finalized 2nd Election cannot be undone

• Note:
  – Switching to the FRS Pension Plan may require additional out-of-pocket expense
## Enrollment

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- ORP enrollment is not complete until contracts are signed with the ORP provider.
- If you do nothing, you will automatically be enrolled in the FRS Investment Plan.
Reemployment Restrictions

• You are considered a retiree of the State of Florida if you receive, withdraw, roll over or transfer any employer-funded Pension, Investment, or ORP benefit, regardless of your age.

• If a retiree is rehired:
  – Minimum of 6 full calendar month waiting period
  – Financially liable for repayment, if in violation
  – 1 full year after “retirement” – no further restrictions

• Rehired retirees of the FRS Pension Plan/DROP are not eligible for renewed membership in any State of Florida retirement plan.
Voluntary Retirement Plans

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*Enrollment in one of these plan options is entirely optional.*
Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b)

- Reduce taxable income
- Minimum $10 bi-weekly
- Subject to yearly contribution limits:
  - $19,000, if under age 50
  - $25,000, if age 50+
- Voluntary ORP contributions count toward limit
- Contributions can be changed at any time
Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b)

• Choose from seven participating investment companies:
  – AIG (formerly VALIC) – www.valic.com/fsu
  – AXA – us.axa.com/home.html
  – Brighthouse/MetLife – www.metlife.com
  – TIAA – www.tiaa.org/fsu
Deferred Compensation - 457

• Administered by the State of Florida
• For a list of companies, or to enroll, contact:
  – Bureau of Deferred Compensation
  – (850) 413-3162 or www.myfloridadeferredcomp.com
• Subject to yearly contribution limits:
  – $19,000, if under age 50
  – $25,000, if age 50+
  – Separate limit from 403(b)
• See company representatives for law/limit information
Post Tax – Roth 403(b)

• Choose from five participating investment companies:
  – AIG (formerly VALIC) – www.valic.com/fsu
  – AXA – us.axa.com/home.html
  – Voya, Lincoln Investment –
    www.gaboragency.com/schools/florida-state-university
  – TIAA – www.tiaa.org/fsu

• Voluntary employee contributions made on an after-tax basis

• Roth 403(b) contributions are subject to the same yearly contribution limits as traditional (pre-tax) 403(b) accounts
Thank You

• Human Resources – Benefits
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  – (850) 644-4015
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  – www.hr.fsu.edu
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