

Ray Rodrigues is Chancellor of the State University System of Florida.

In this role, Chancellor Rodrigues is the primary liaison between the Board of Governors, the State Legislature, the Executive Branch, Departments, and Agencies throughout the State of Florida. The State University System has been ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report since 2017. Additionally, the Chancellor is CEO of the Board of Governors and provides oversight, guidance, and administration by implementing policies and regulations adopted by the Board, which impacts 12 institutions and more than 430,000 students annually.

Chancellor Rodrigues started his career at a corporate component of General Electric, where he managed their U.S. Import Compliance team. Additionally, Ray Rodrigues then worked for 17 years at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he held positions of Director of Interagency Partnerships, Director of Community Relations, and Business Manager for the College of Arts and Sciences.

In addition to his professional career, Chancellor Rodrigues has an extensive career in public service, where he served as the Florida State Senator for District 27 and four terms in the Florida House of Representatives. During his time in the Legislature, Rodrigues served as the Chair of the Senate Reapportionment Committee, Chair of the Senate Government Operations Committee, Chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee, and the House Majority Leader. His ability to listen, build consensus, and be an agent of change led to his unanimous appointment as Chancellor.

Chancellor Rodrigues earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and in 2017 earned his Master in Public Administration (MPA) from Florida Gulf Coast University. Ray is an avid reader, statesman, and storyteller. Ray, his wife Ruth, and son Rhett call Tallahassee home.