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Office of the President
March 10, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. James P. "Ike" Adams, Jr. as Dean of the College of Social Work, effective July 1, 2009.

Background: With Kay Hoffman returning to the faculty, a search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College of Social Work. The search committee considered approximately 10 candidates, and three finalists were interviewed on campus. Dr. Adams received excellent endorsement within the college and from the search committee.

Dr. Adams currently serves as Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Alabama. He received a bachelor's degree (1969) from Tougaloo College, a M.S.W. (1973) from State University of New York, and a Ph.D. degree (1979) from the University of Minnesota. He has thirty years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education. Dr. Adams has been a National Science Foundation Fellow at the University of Florida, a Management Development Program Fellow at Harvard University, and a Presidential Fellow at Old Dominion University. He has a demonstrated commitment to public service and professional leadership, serving on many state and local boards.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____