

# PR 3

Office of the President  
September 11, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Lisa Cassis as Vice President for Research effective July 1, 2015.

Background: In June 2014, Dr. Cassis agreed to serve as the Interim Vice President for Research. During the past year, Dr. Cassis provided outstanding leadership to the University's research enterprise; was co-lead of the workgroup developing the "Research and Scholarly Work" portion of the University's next Strategic Plan; worked closely with the President and the Government Relations team to secure funding for the new research building; facilitated campus-wide conversations on the efficient and effective growth of the University's research portfolio; and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Office of Research.

Dr. Cassis received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and a PhD degree in Pharmacology from West Virginia University. This was followed by post-doc positions as the Alexander Von Humbolt Fellow in Pharmacology at Wurzburg, West Germany and within the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Virginia. Dr. Cassis joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1988, and is currently a faculty member within the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences, Saha Cardiovascular Research Center, the Graduate Center for Toxicology, the Barnstable Brown Diabetes and Obesity Center, and the College of Pharmacy. She also served as Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences from 2012-2014.

Research within the Dr. Cassis' laboratory has been continuously supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than 27 years, contributing to more than 130 scholarly publications. She has mentored many scientists, been the recipient of national and local research awards, and served for 10 years as Program Director of an NIH Training Grant in Nutritional Sciences. She currently serves as Program Director for an NIH grant that supports the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) focusing on obesity and cardiovascular diseases.

---

Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_