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Office of the President
April 1, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF LIBRARIES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Carol Pitts Diedrichs as Dean of Libraries, effective July 1, 2003.

Background: Paul Willis retired as Director of Libraries after 35 years to accept a similar position at the University of South Carolina. A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of Libraries. The search committee considered approximately 25 candidates and three finalists were interviewed on campus. Ms. Diedrichs received excellent endorsement across the University and from the search committee.

Ms. Diedrichs currently serves as professor and Assistant Director for Technical Services and Collections for the Ohio State University Libraries. She received a M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981 and a bachelor's degree (1980) from Baylor University. In addition to her responsibilities at Ohio State University, she has been actively involved in the definition, implementation and strategic planning for the OhioLINK Project. OhioLINK is nationally and internationally considered to be the most effective and innovative statewide library consortia composed of more than 78 academic institutions within the state of Ohio.

She has published scholarly work in numerous professional and academic journals. In 2002 she received the Presidential Citation from the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services of the American Library Association for outstanding contributions.

Ms. Diedrichs has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Dean of Libraries. The University is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____