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Office of the President
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

MICHAEL T. NIETZEL PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$50,000 from Provost Michael T. Nietzel, to create and endow the Myrle E. and Verle D. Nietzel Visiting Distinguished Faculty Endowment in the Graduate School.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: This endowment is being created to honor the memory of Provost Michael T. Nietzel's parents, Myrle E. and Verle D. Nietzel. The income from this endowment will be used to bring a nationally recognized academic leader to campus to serve as the Graduate School's Outside Examiner for student dissertations and to give a colloquium on his or her research. This Outside Examiner program was begun by Provost Nietzel when he was Dean of the Graduate School. The pledge is eligible for matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF).

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____