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Office of the President
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Stephen W. Wyatt as Dean of the College of Public Health, effective November 1, 2004.

Background: After the Board of Trustees approved the creation of the College of Public Health in May 2004, the Provost appointed an advisory committee to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College of Public Health. The search committee considered approximately 15 candidates. Dr. Wyatt received broad support across the University and from the search committee.

Dr. Wyatt served as interim associate dean for research in the College of Public Health and as associate director for Cancer Control at the UK Markey Cancer Center. He received a Doctor of Dental Medicine (1980) from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago (1986). He attended the Public Health Leadership Institute at San Diego State University.

From 1980 to 2000, Dr. Wyatt served as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. From 1989 to 1998, he held several positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Wyatt serves as a member of numerous boards including the President's Cancer Panel, Cancer in Rural Populations; the Cancer Center Advisory Committee at West Virginia University, the Cancer Center Advisory Committee at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the Mid-South Division Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, and the Breast Health Advisory Board of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dr. Wyatt has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Dean of the College of Public Health. The university is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____