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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE CAROL MARTIN GATTON COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Devanthan Sudharshan as Dean of the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics, effective July 1, 2003.

Background: Dr. Richard Furst announced his resignation to be effective June 30, 2003 as Dean of the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics after 22 years to return to the faculty. A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College. Approximately 50 candidates were considered by the search committee, and three finalists were interviewed on campus. Dr. Sudharshan received enthusiastic support across the University and was strongly supported by the search committee.

Dr. Sudharshan currently serves as professor and was previously Associate Dean for Planning of the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982 and a bachelor's degree in 1974 from Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, India. He has also served as the coordinator of the marketing group, been involved in designing/redesigning the Technology and Management Program, MBA, Executive MBA and MSBA programs at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Sudharshan has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Dean of the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics. The University is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____