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Office of the President
May 6, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Steven L. Hoch as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2003.

Background: Dr. Howard Grotch resigned as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to return to the faculty. A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The search committee considered approximately 45 candidates, and four finalists were interviewed on campus. Dr. Hoch received enthusiastic support across the University and was strongly supported by the search committee.

Dr. Hoch currently serves as professor and Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Dean of International Programs at the University of Iowa. He received a bachelor's degree (1973) from Trinity College and a master's degree (1975) and Ph.D. (1983) from Princeton University. As Associate Provost, Dr. Hoch's responsibilities include a broad range of academic duties, including performance reviews of collegiate deans and reviews of colleges. As Dean of International Programs he has led initiatives to increase the number of students studying foreign languages and increased the financial aid to students wishing to study abroad. He has established interdisciplinary research and training centers in human rights and global health.

Dr. Hoch has written two books and many scholarly articles on Russian history and socioeconomic conditions. He currently serves as co-editor of the historical journal, *Continuity and Change*.

Dr. Hoch has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The University is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____