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Office of the President  
September 16, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Sharon P. Turner as Dean of the College of Dentistry, effective October 1, 2003.

Background: Dr. Leon Assael resigned as Dean of the College of Dentistry in June 2003. A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College of Dentistry. The search committee considered approximately 30 candidates and three finalists were interviewed on campus. Dr. Turner received excellent endorsement within the college and from the search committee.

Dr. Turner currently serves as professor and Dean of the School of Dentistry at Oregon Health and Science University. She received a bachelor's degree (1971) from Winthrop College and a D.D.S. degree (1979) from University of North Carolina, and J.D. (1995) from North Carolina Central University. She also completed a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship in craniofacial pain mechanisms at the University of North Carolina in 1981. Dr. Turner is a fellow of the International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists and the American College of Legal Medicine. She appears in *Who's Who of American Women* and has been named one of the "Top Twenty-five Visionaries in Dentistry" by *Dentistry*, the Journal of the American Student Dental Association.

Dr. Turner is a member of numerous national and international dental organizations including the American Dental Association, the National Association for Women in Higher Education and the International Association for Dental Research. Dr. Turner is an internationally known lecturer and has been published in both dental and legal journals.

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

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_