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Office of the President
September 16, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Michael Karpf as Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, effective October 1, 2003.

Background: In December 2002, the Task Force on Medical Center Organization and the Provost Model recommended the establishment of an Executive Vice President for Health Affairs with authority and responsibility for administering the University of Kentucky's clinical enterprise, including the clinical activities of the College of Medicine, the University Hospital and Kentucky Clinics and the UK Health Insurance Plans. In response to this recommendation, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs position was established and an advisory committee named to identify candidates for the position. The search committee considered a national pool of candidates and four candidates were interviewed on campus. Dr. Karpf received excellent endorsement across the university and from the search committee.

Dr. Karpf currently serves as professor and Vice Provost of the Hospital Systems, UCLA Medical Center and Director of the Practice Plan Operations, UCLA Healthcare. He received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. After an internship in Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he served as a Research Associate in the Laboratory of Immunology at the National Institutes of Health. He returned to the University of Pennsylvania to complete his medical residency, fellowship in Hematology and Oncology and a Chief Residency in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Karpf's academic interests have been in developing and evaluating innovative educational and clinical programs. He established the Primary Care Training Residency and the General Medicine Fellowships at the University of Pittsburgh. He established a health service research program at the University of Pittsburgh, which received extensive funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Library of Medicine and other sources. He has published extensively and has been a reviewer for many journals. Dr. Karpf is involved in many civic and professional organizations.

Dr. Karpf has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Executive Vice President for Health Affairs. The University is fortunate to have such a highly qualified person to serve in this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____