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Office of the President  
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Lori S. Gonzalez as Dean of the College of Health Sciences, effective January 1, 2005.

Background: Dr. Tom Robinson resigned as dean of the College of Health Sciences after 20 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 of Health Sciences. Approximately 20 candidates were considered by the search committee, and four finalists were interviewed on campus. Dr. Gonzalez received enthusiastic support across the university and from the search committee.

Dr. Gonzalez currently serves as associate dean for academic affairs and professor of the College of Health Sciences. She received a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1989 and a master's degree (1981) from Eastern Kentucky University and bachelor's degree (1979) from the University of Kentucky. She was selected as an American Council on Education Fellow in 2003.

Dr. Gonzalez's research centers on communication disorders. She has published numerous research articles dealing with low incidence disorders, service delivery in rural areas, and cultural and linguistic issues. Additionally, she publishes in the areas of allied health education and leadership.

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

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