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Office of the President
June 22, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES/
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. William H. Turner as Vice President for University Initiatives/Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs, effective July 1, 2004.

Background: In May 2004 the Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Vice President for University Initiatives/Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs. An advisory committee reviewed the credentials of 11 applicants and forwarded Dr. Turner's name as one of two qualified candidates for the position.

Dr. Turner received his BA degree (1968) from the University of Kentucky and MA (1971) and Ph.D. (1974) from the University of Notre Dame for studies in sociology and anthropology. In 1966, as a member of its charter class, Turner studied at Howard University in the Ford Foundation and US Department of State-sponsored Foreign Affairs Scholars Program. Dr. Turner has held several postdoctoral appointments: Senior Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Moton Center for Independent Studies (1975); Senior Fellow, Institute for Educational Leadership, George Washington University (1977); Senior Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Educational Policy, Howard University (1978); and Postdoctoral Fellow, National Academy of Sciences/Ford Foundation, Duke University Center for the Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations) (1983).

Dr. Turner has held teaching, research, and administrative posts at several colleges and universities, including, Fisk University, Howard University, University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, and Winston-Salem State University. He has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Berea College and Visiting Research Professor at Brandies University.

Dr. Turner has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Vice President for University Initiatives/Associate Provost for Multicultural Affairs. The University is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____