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Office of the President
March 4, 2008

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Judy Jackson as Vice President for Institutional Diversity, effective July 1, 2008.

Background: In October 2006 the Board of Trustees concluded that the centrality of diversity at the University of Kentucky should be reflected in its administrative structure and created the position of Vice President for Institutional Diversity. The Vice President for Institutional Diversity will be the senior administrative officer responsible for promoting collaboration across faculty, staff, administration, and students in earnest pursuit of the university's diversity goals.

A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position. Two finalists were brought to campus where they met with administrators, faculty, staff, and students from various organizational units. Dr. Jackson received enthusiastic support across the university and was strongly supported by the search committee.

Dr. Jackson currently serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Education and Dean of the College at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Dr. Jackson received her doctorate in administration, planning, and social policy, with a concentration in higher education from Harvard University; her master's degree in interdepartmental study involving Francophone literature, geography, and foreign policy from Bucknell University; and her bachelor's degree in French language and literature from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____