

Office of the President
June 17, 2022

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE PROVOST

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Robert S. DiPaola as provost, effective June 1, 2022.

Background: In May 2021, President Capilouto selected College of Medicine Dean Robert DiPaola to serve as acting provost for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022. During his one-year appointment, Dr. DiPaola helped lead the development of the university's new strategic plan, The UK PURPOSE.

Dr. DiPaola has helped create a foundation for, and has continued to lead efforts around, the university's reaccreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). As part of that plan, he has played a key role in consulting and collaborating with members across campus in the development of UK's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

Dr. DiPaola has also laid important groundwork in selecting several leaders for open dean positions and other administrative posts as well as efforts to provide greater faculty support, enhance diversity, equity and inclusion on campus and strengthen and expand online education.

As Dean of the College of Medicine, he led and managed all aspects of operations of the college with approximately 1,100 full-time faculty and 2,000 learners; has led efforts to create new campuses in Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky; and has launched new educational and research initiatives that have led to increased federal research funding.

Dr. DiPaola is a first-generation college graduate and completed his medical degree at the University of Utah. After graduation, he pursued an internal medicine residency at Duke University Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in hematology-oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____