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Office of the President  
September 15, 2017

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Mark F. Newman as Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, effective September 18, 2017.

Background: In September 2016, Dr. Michael Karpf announced his intention to retire from the position of Executive Vice President for Health Affairs. In December 2016, President Capilouto appointed a search committee composed of physicians, administrators, deans, and staff to conduct a national search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Three finalists were interviewed on campus in late June 2017.

Born and raised in Owensboro, Kentucky, on the family farm and with a strong focus on the importance of education, Dr. Newman stayed close to home to attend and graduate from Western Kentucky University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He received the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship to attend medical school at the University of Louisville, where he graduated in 1985. He completed a residency in the Air Force and a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology and Transesophageal Echocardiography at Duke University Medical Center before returning to active duty at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Medical Center, a U.S. Air Force facility in San Antonio, Texas. He was deployed for Operation “Just Cause” and then for “Desert Shield” and “Desert Storm.”

Dr. Newman joined the Department of Anesthesiology at Duke University in 1992, where he held a variety of increasingly senior positions, including professor of medicine and chair of anesthesiology. He most recently served as president of Private Diagnostic Clinic, the physician practice plan for Duke University’s Medical Center, a position he held since 2014.

Dr. Newman’s research interests include cognitive dysfunction and quality of life following coronary artery bypass graft surgery. He established the Multicenter Perioperative Outcomes Research Group of the Duke Clinical Research Institute in 2001 to further the study of strategies to improve the outcomes of patients undergoing surgery and anesthesia. In his tenure at Duke University, he trained and mentored more than 30 anesthesiology fellows. He has published and lectured extensively, and has served as a principal and co-investigator on numerous grants from the National Institutes of Health, American Heart Association, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, and the International Anesthesia Research Society.

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