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Office of the President
September 15, 2017

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE LEWIS HONORS COLLEGE

Recommendation: that Christian M. M. Brady be appointed the inaugural Dean of the Lewis Honors College, effective July 17, 2017.

Background: Dr. Brady was most recently Dean of the Schreyer Honors College at Pennsylvania State University, serving in that position from 2006 to 2016. During his tenure, the College raised more than \$80 million to enhance honors education, developed a renowned leadership academy, and tripled applications to the College while also increasing selectivity.

Dr. Brady earned a Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern Studies and History from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York (1992); a Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies from Wheaton College Graduate School in Wheaton, Illinois (1994); a graduate diploma in Jewish Studies from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (1994) and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom (2000).

Dr. Brady began his academic career at Tulane University, first serving as Associate Director (1997-1998) then Director (1998-2003) of Jewish Studies. From 2003-2004, he served as Associate Director of the Honors Program, then as Director from 2004-2006.

As a scholar of ancient Hebrew and Jewish Literature, Dr. Brady has written two books, with a third one in progress. His primary area of research is in biblical interpretation, specifically rabbinic interpretation of the Bible within Targumic literature. He also is the author of numerous scholarly articles and papers.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____