APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. John H. Yopp as Associate Provost for Educational Partnerships, effective December 1, 2004.

Background: The Associate Provost for Educational Partnerships position was established to serve as project director for the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership (AMSP), a $22 million, multi-year UK grant sponsored by the National Science Foundation and as director of AMSP’s Partnership Institute for Mathematics and Science Reform, as well as to administer a variety of special service and demonstration projects involving the university’s consultation, research, and service contributions to K-12 education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dr. Yopp is currently senior scholar in residence at the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, DC, and visiting senior professor, Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Louisville in 1969 and a bachelor’s degree cum laude from Georgetown University in 1962. He also completed a National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship at Ames Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1970.

From 1970 to 1997, Dr. Yopp held several academic and administrative positions at Southern Illinois University, including associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and research, and dean of the graduate school from 1986 to 1997. From 1997 to 2003, Dr. Yopp was vice president for graduate and professional education at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ.

Dr. Yopp has the experience and qualifications to be an excellent Associate Provost for Educational Partnerships. The university is fortunate to attract such a highly qualified person to this position.

Action taken: ☑ Approved  ❑ Disapproved  ❑ Other ______________________