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Office of the President
December 17, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that Dr. Nancy M. Cox be appointed Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, effective January 1, 2014.

Background: In October 2012, Dean M. Scott Smith announced he was retiring as Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment after 12 years of service. A search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College.

Dr. Cox is currently Associate Dean for Research and Associate Director of the Experiment Station in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky. She earned a bachelor's degree (1975) from Furman University, M.S. (1977) from University of Georgia, and Ph.D. (1982) from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Cox has received honors and awards from the universities where she has taught and has served on numerous national committees for the Board on Agriculture section of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. She served as chair of The National Agricultural Biotechnology Council and has served two terms on the National Research, Education, Extension and Economics Advisory Board for the Secretary of Agriculture. She has a history of representing research in public policy arenas in Mississippi and Kentucky, as a co-chair of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Swine Farming in Mississippi and the Kentucky Animal Care Standards Commission and the Kentucky Biofuels Task Force.

During the first 19 years of her career at Mississippi State University, she taught and conducted research, worked with 58 graduate students (21 as major advisor) and co-produced 43 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. At UK, extramural funding grew from less than \$10 million in 2001 to \$25 million for Fiscal Year 2013 under Dr. Cox's leadership. Dr. Cox worked to secure renovated facilities for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, with a \$30 million state investment. She has worked extensively with the Kentucky Farm Bureau and numerous agriculture commodity boards to promote UK's agriculture research and extension programs.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____