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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Recommendation: that R. Kiplin Guy be appointed Dean of the College of Pharmacy, effective October 1, 2016.

Background: Dr. Guy was most recently Chair the Department of Chemical Biology and Therapeutics at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Reed College in Portland, Oregon (1990) and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California (1996). In addition, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Cellular Biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Dr. Guy began his academic career at the University of California San Francisco where he earned the rank of Full Professor and served as Director of the Bay Area Screening Center and Executive Director of the Center for Chemical Diversity. He was then recruited by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where he created the Department of Chemical Biology and Therapeutics and held the Robert J. Ulrich Endowed Chair.

Dr. Guy has held secondary appointments as Adjunct Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry for the University of California San Francisco; Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry for Vanderbilt University in Nashville; and Adjunct Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pathology at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis.

Dr. Guy's research focus is chemical biology and preclinical drug discovery and development for neglected diseases, especially those that affect children. Much of his work has focused on pediatric cancers and malaria. In recent years, he has led the team that discovered and developed a new drug candidate for malaria that is currently in Phase 1 trials. The Chemical Biology and Therapeutics group, built and led by Dr. Guy, has collaboratively repurposed drugs for clinical trials for ependymoma, leukemias, medulloblastoma, and other pediatric cancers.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____