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Office of the President
June 13, 2006

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Recommendation:  that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Jane Marie Kirschling as Dean of the College of Nursing, effective August 14, 2006.

Background:  With Dean Carolyn Williams returning to the faculty, a search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position of Dean of the College of Nursing.   The search committee considered approximately 15 candidates, and two finalists were interviewed on campus.  Dr. Kirschling received excellent endorsement within the college and from the search committee.

Dr. Kirschling currently serves as professor and Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Maine.  She received a bachelor's degree (1980) from Viterbo College and an MSN degree (1982) and DNS degree (1984) from Indiana University School of Nursing.  She was a 2000 cohort of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program and in 2001 attended the Harvard Institute of Management and Leadership in Education.

Dr. Kirschling began her academic career on the nursing faculty at Oregon Health Sciences University (1984-96).   In 1996 she was recruited to the University of Rochester School of Nursing as Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.   Since 1999 she has served as Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Maine.

Dr. Kirschling is a member of numerous national and international nursing organizations.  She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; chairs the AACN's Governmental Affairs Committee; chairs the Sigma Theta Tau Foundation Board of Directors, and is currently on the ballot for President-elect of Sigma Theta Tau International. This election will be held in November at the association's Biennial Convention.

Action taken:        ☑ Approved        ❑ Disapproved        ❑ Other _____