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Office of the President  
May 10, 2005

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Council on Aging from the Executive Vice President for Research to the Dean, College of Public Health, effective July 1, 2005.

Background: The Council on Aging offers educational opportunities for older adults, service providers who work with older persons, and students studying gerontology. Individuals 65 years of age and over may enroll in academic classes at the university tuition-free under the Donovan Fellowship for Senior Citizens, administered by the Council. In addition, a number of special classes and workshops are offered. The program has gained national recognition as a model program in higher education. A variety of continuing education programs are offered for professionals who work in the field of aging, including those offered through the federally funded OVAR/Geriatric Education Center.

In 2004 the Executive Vice President for Research convened a workgroup to make recommendations on the organizational structure of the Council on Aging. With the administrative reorganization of the university and the creation of the College of Public Health, the workgroup recommended the Council could be strengthened by being administratively reassigned.

The Executive Vice President for Research has recommended this proposal, it is endorsed by the faculty and administrators participating in the units, and the Provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_