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Office of the President  
June 22, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Rudolph (Rudy) Buchheit as Dean of Engineering, effective July 1, 2018.

Background: At the start of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, then-Provost Tim Tracy commenced a national search for Dean of the College of Engineering. A search committee composed of administrators, deans, faculty, and staff conducted a search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Finalists were interviewed on campus during the Spring 2018 semester. Dr. Buchheit emerged as the preferred candidate.

Dr. Buchheit graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a B.S. in Engineering Science, before earning his M.S. and Ph.D. in Materials Science from the University of Virginia. For nearly five years, Dr. Buchheit has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Administration in the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University, an academic unit comprising more than 350 faculty members, 400 staff members, 8,500 undergraduate students, and 2,200 graduate students.

During his tenure, he supervised the recruitment of a three-year faculty cohort, nearly half of whom came from underrepresented populations, and he oversaw an operating budget of \$240 million, including \$130 million in research expenditures. Dr. Buchheit is passionate about student and faculty success and the prospect of building upon the College of Engineering's considerable momentum.

He will succeed longtime Engineering faculty member Larry Holloway, who has been serving as the College's interim dean since 2016.

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