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Office of the President
September 18, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Recommendation: that approval be given to the attached appointments, actions, and/or other staff changes which require Board action; and that the report relative to appointments and/or changes already approved by the administration be accepted.

Background: The attached recommended appointments and/or other staff changes require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Part VIII of the Governing Regulations of the University. These recommendations are transmitted to the Board by the Provost or Executive Vice President through the President and have the President's concurrence.

Under the Governing Regulations, the authority to make certain appointments and/or other staff changes is delegated to the President or other administrators who are required to report their actions to the Board. These items of report follow the recommendations requiring Board approval.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____

PROVOST

I. BOARD ACTION

A. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Baum, Regan, College of Pharmacy, Clinical Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, and joint appointment as Clinical Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Science, College of Pharmacy, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Hagen, Michael D., College of Medicine, Professor (voluntary), Family and Community Medicine, 7/1/26 through 6/30/29.

Jyothula, Soma, College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Internal Medicine, 5/4/26 through 6/30/26.

Lane, Andrew N., College of Medicine, Professor (voluntary), Toxicology and Cancer Biology, 7/1/26 through 6/30/29.

Morris, Thaddeus D., College of Arts and Sciences, Professor, Military Science and Leadership, 7/1/26 through 2/28/34.

Penaskovic, Kenan M., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Pitts, Courtney J., College of Nursing, Associate Professor* (without tenure), 1/1/26 through 6/30/26.

Roberts, Richard A., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, and joint appointment as Clinical Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Health Sciences, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Zhu, Caigang, College of Engineering, Associate Professor (temporary), Biomedical Engineering, 7/1/26 through 7/31/26.

Zimmer, David, College of Medicine, Professor (voluntary), Academic Medical Education, 3/1/26 through 6/30/29.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Buss, James, College of Arts and Sciences, Associate Professor (with tenure), History, appointed Dean, Honors College, effective 7/1/26.

C. JOINT APPOINTMENTS

Bush, Matthew L., College of Medicine, Professor* (with tenure), Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, joint appointment as Professor* (without tenure), Neurosurgery, effective 7/1/26.

Comer, Brett T., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, joint appointment as Clinical Professor, Neurosurgery, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Hodge, Bethany F., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Pediatrics, joint appointment as Clinical Professor, Epidemiology and Environmental Health, College of Public Health, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Johnson, Lance A., College of Medicine, Professor (with tenure), Physiology, joint appointment as Professor (without tenure), Physiology, effective 7/1/26.

McNulty, Beth N., College of Medicine, Clinical Associate Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, joint appointment as Clinical Associate Professor, Neurosurgery, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Shinn, Jennifer B., College of Medicine, Professor* (with tenure), Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, joint appointment as Professor* (without tenure), Health and Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, effective 7/1/26.

Tomblinson, Courtney M., College of Medicine, Clinical Associate Professor, Radiology, joint appointment as Clinical Associate Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

D. REAPPOINTMENTS

Andriankaja, Oelisoa M., College of Dentistry, Associate Research Professor, Oral Health Practice, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Demann, Eric T., College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Elsayed, Hossam E., College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Associate Professor (without tenure), Veterinary Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Graves, Kathryn T., College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Clinical Associate Professor, Veterinary Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/29.

Grubbs, Angela B., College of Nursing, Associate Professor* (without tenure), 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Jyothula, Soma, College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Internal Medicine, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Kennedy, Laura A., College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Clinical Associate Professor, Veterinary Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/29.

Lang, Julie E., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Surgery, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

McCoy, Morgan H., College of Medicine, Clinical Associate Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Musbah, Thamer, College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Practice, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Northrip, Kimberly R., College of Medicine, Clinical Professor, Pediatrics, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Nusbacher, Kenneth B., College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Practice, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

O'Dell, Denise R., College of Health Sciences, Associate Professor* (without tenure), Physical Therapy, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Oliver, Mark A., College of Social Work, Clinical Associate Professor, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Pedrine Santamaria, Mauro, College of Dentistry, Associate Professor* (without tenure), Oral Health Practice, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Pitts, Courtney J., College of Nursing, Associate Professor* (without tenure), 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Rone, Bryan K., College of Medicine, Professor (part-time), Obstetrics and Gynecology, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Singer, Ronald L., College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Sterlitz, Stephen J., College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Practice, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Stone, Daria N., College of Dentistry, Clinical Associate Professor, Oral Health Science, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

F. PROMOTIONS

Higgins-Dobney, Carey L., College of Communication and Information, from Assistant Professor*, Journalism and Media, to Associate Professor* (with tenure), Journalism and Media, effective 7/1/26.

Velez-Ortega, Alejandra C., College of Medicine, Correction of Promotion w/Tenure

Xu, Qingru, College of Communication and Information, from Assistant Professor, Communication, to Associate Professor (with tenure), Communication, effective 7/1/26.

G. CHANGES

Bezold, Louis I., College of Medicine, from Clinical Professor, Pediatrics, to Professor (part-time), Pediatrics, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Bumgardner, Vernon K., College of Medicine, from Clinical Associate Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, to Associate Professor (part-time), Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 7/13/26 through 12/31/26.

Johnson, Lance A., College of Medicine, from Professor (with tenure), Physiology, to Professor (with tenure), Neuroscience, effective 7/1/26.

Riley, Scott A., College of Medicine, from Clinical Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery, to Professor (part-time), Orthopaedic Surgery, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

Watkins, John, College of Public Health, from Professor (part-time), Health, Behavior and Society, to Professor (part-time), Epidemiology and Environmental Health, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

I. TERMINAL REAPPOINTMENTS

Rossi, Jairus J., College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Associate Research Professor, Agricultural Economics, 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.