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Office of the President  
June 21, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Greer as Dean of the College of Communication and Information, effective August 1, 2019.

Background: In 2018, Dean Dan O’Hair announced his plans to retire. Provost David Blackwell appointed a search committee composed of administrators, a dean, faculty, staff, and a student to conduct a national search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Finalists were interviewed on campus in the Spring of 2019, and Dr. Greer was selected as the preferred candidate.

Greer, a tenured professor with 19 years experience in academic administration at the University of Alabama and the University of Nevada, currently serves as Associate Provost at the University of Alabama. In this role, held since 2014, she handles faculty personnel issues, faculty orientation and leadership programs, and oversees several academic support and compliance units in Academic Affairs.

Her other administrative service includes nearly three years as an interim/acting dean, seven years as a chair, and four years as a graduate director at her previous two universities. She holds a Doctorate from the University of Florida, a Master’s Degree from the University of Kansas, and two Bachelor’s Degrees from the University of Missouri.

She has been recognized for her excellence in teaching, winning college-wide teaching awards at the universities of Nevada and Alabama. She was also honored with a university award for excellence in academic advising at the University of Alabama.

She will succeed Dr. Derek Lane, who has been serving as the College’s interim dean since August 2018.

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