

Office of the President

June 16, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PHILANTHROPY
AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Jacob Lemon as vice president for philanthropy and alumni engagement, effective May 15, 2023.

Background: Jake Lemon, a Mississippi native, has a nearly 20-year, distinguished career in higher education philanthropy. Most recently, he oversaw philanthropic efforts at the University of Connecticut where he led more than 170 individuals at the UConn Foundation through three consecutive record-breaking years in fundraising.

Before joining the UConn Foundation in 2016, Lemon was a leader and fundraiser at the Florida State University (FSU) Foundation for seven years, where he was elevated to assistant vice president for development and principal gifts. He led planned giving and regional development and created the principal gift department during FSU's \$1 billion capital campaign.

Lemon held major gifts positions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he specialized in athletics development; and the University of Mississippi, where he led fundraising for its pharmacy school. He also has experience in financial management, having spent his first seven years out of college as a financial advisor.

Lemon earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, an MBA from the University of Mississippi, and holds a certificate in financial planning from Florida State University.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____