Office of the President
June 21, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Julian Vasquez Heilig as Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1, 2019.

Background: In 2018, Dean Mary John O'Hair announced her plans to retire. Provost David Blackwell appointed a search committee composed of administrators, deans, faculty, and staff to conduct a national search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Finalists were interviewed on campus in the Spring of 2019, and Dr. Vasquez Heilig was selected as the preferred candidate.

Julian Vasquez Heilig is an award-winning teacher and researcher, who currently serves as a Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, the Director of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership at California State University Sacramento, and the California Hawaii State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Education Chair.

His current research includes quantitatively and qualitatively examining how high-stakes testing and accountability-based reforms and market reforms impact urban minority students. His research interests also include issues of access, diversity, and equity in higher education. His work has been cited by the New York Times, the Washington Post, Associated Press, USAToday, Education Week, the Huffington Post, and other print and electronic media outlets. He has appeared on local and national radio and TV including PBS, NBC, NBCLatino, NPR, Univision, Al Jazeera, and MSNBC.

He earned his Ph.D. in Education Administration and Policy Analysis and a Master's in Sociology from Stanford University. He also holds a Master's in Higher Education and Bachelor's degrees in History and Psychology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

He will succeed Dr. Rosetta Sandidge, who has been serving as the College's interim dean since August 2018.

Action taken: ☑ Approved   ☐ Disapproved   ☐ Other _____