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Office of the President
June 21, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF UK LIBRARIES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Doug Way as Dean of UK Libraries effective July 15, 2019.

Background: Dean Terry Birdwhistell, stepped down May 31, 2017, after leading the University of Kentucky Libraries since July 2010. In the Spring of 2019, Provost David Blackwell commenced a national search for a permanent dean. A search committee composed of administrators, a dean, faculty, staff, and a student conducted the search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Finalists were interviewed on campus in the Spring of 2019, and Mr. Way emerged as the preferred candidate.

For five years, Way has served as Associate University librarian for Collections and Research Services at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison, where he provides leadership for the library's collection development and management, resource sharing, and scholarly communications programs. During his tenure, he supervised a direct staff of 75 full-time employees and an overall budget of \$12 million for the University's general libraries system of 14 libraries that supports more than 4 million visitors per year. In addition, Way has written and presented extensively on topics related to collection management, shared print, and the future of library collections.

Before arriving at UW-Madison, Way served as head of collections and scholarly communications at Grand Valley State University. While at Grand Valley State, he also spearheaded a statewide distributed shared print program that resulted in nine state-funded institutions in Michigan working collectively to manage widely held low-use collections.

Way holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from Grand Valley State University and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University

He will succeed Associate Dean of Special Collections Research Center and Director of the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center Deirdre Scaggs, who has been serving as the College's interim dean since June 2017.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____