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Office of the President
June 21, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Jay Miller as Dean of the College of Social Work, effective July 1, 2019.

Background: In August 2015, Dr. Ann Vail began serving as interim dean of the College of Social Work. Provost David Blackwell commenced an internal search for a permanent dean in the Spring of 2019. A search committee composed of administrators, a dean, faculty, staff, and a student conducted a search to identify qualified candidates for the position. Dr. Miller emerged as the preferred candidate, with overwhelming support from his colleagues in the College.

Miller is currently the Associate Dean for Research, an Associate Professor, and the Director of the Self-Care Lab. Miller has spent his career committed to improving the lives of children, families, and the professionals who serve them.

Miller earned his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Western Kentucky University. He also graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work from Spalding University and a Doctoral Degree in Social Work from the University of Louisville. After completing his undergraduate degree, Miller worked for Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services and oversaw social service initiatives for the Department of the Army.

Miller also takes great pride in his research to determine how to best change the social service system. His academic interests focus on child welfare, youth involvement in juvenile systems, and organizational wellness, areas in which Miller has published a number of research papers and books and conducted national and international presentations and lectures. He has been involved in a long line of inquiry that examines self-care among academicians and institutional factors that contribute to overall wellness.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____