

MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2009

To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: Carl T. Hayden, Chairman
Gerri Warren-Merrick

Subject: Appointment of Nancy L. Zimpher as Chancellor

We recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that Nancy L. Zimpher be, and hereby is appointed Chancellor, at an annual State salary of \$490,000, effective June 1, 2009, be and hereby is approved. Dr. Zimpher will be appointed to the faculty of the University with continuing appointment. Dr. Zimpher will also be provided an additional retirement benefit via direct annual contribution through TIAA/CREF in the amount of \$55,400 per year; the use of a state car and driver when she is traveling on University business in New York State; and the use of the University apartment in New York City and the Chancellor's apartment in the South Tower of SUNY Plaza in Albany; and, be it further

Resolved that the State University Salary and Compensation Plan shall be amended as soon as practicable to take into account this resolution.

Background

We are pleased to recommend your approval of the appointment of Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher as Chancellor of the State University of New York effective June 1, 2009. Dr. Zimpher will succeed Admiral John R. Ryan who resigned as Chancellor in May 2007. From May 2007 to December 31, 2008, Dr. John B. Clark served as Interim Chancellor, and since December 19, 2008, Vice Chancellor John J. O'Connor has been serving as Officer-in-Charge. Mr. O'Connor will continue to serve as Officer-in-Charge until Dr. Zimpher's appointment becomes effective on June 1, 2009.

Dr. Zimpher was the overwhelming choice of the Chancellor Search Committee, whose members reflect the larger SUNY community and included college and university presidents, students, faculty, trustees, alumni, as well as distinguished citizens from outside of the University.

Dr. Zimpher currently serves as President of the University of Cincinnati. Serving as President since October 2003, Dr. Zimpher has been recognized for her leadership in strengthening that institution both academically and financially. She launched a comprehensive strategic planning process that involved a wide spectrum of the university's stakeholders and resulted in the university's strategic vision. She is credited with many achievements and bold strategic actions including restructuring the university's decision-making process, introducing comprehensive state-of-the-art business practices; raising admissions standards while growing enrollment and maintaining the university's deep commitment to access and a diverse student body; and redesigning mechanisms for research support and opportunities for commercialization on intellectual property.

Prior to her arrival at the University of Cincinnati, from 1998-2003, Dr. Zimpher served as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and held a faculty position in the School of Education. Prior to her appointment in Wisconsin, she was the Executive Dean of the Professional Colleges and Dean of the College of Education at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. During her career at The Ohio State University, she worked in various administrative positions and engaged in research and development efforts concerned with improving the preparation of teachers, especially teachers for urban contexts.

Dr. Zimpher is the co-author and co-editor of books on university leadership as well as books on teacher education and urban education. She also has authored and co-authored many monographs, book chapters, and academic journal articles related to academic leadership, school/university partnerships and teacher education. She often is sought after as a key participant at both national and international conferences.

Currently, Dr. Zimpher serves as chair of the NASULGC Board of Directors and of a national network of presidents of Urban Serving Universities (USU). She also serves on the boards of the ACE, the National Commission on Writing for America's Families, Schools, and Colleges, and as the Big East representative to the Division I Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Dr. Zimpher participates on numerous state, regional, civic and community commissions and boards. Presently, she co-chairs the Ohio

Board of Regents' Articulation & Transfer Advisory Council, serves on the Board of the Governor's Ohio Partnership for Continued Learning and is a co-founder of a new coalition of higher education constituencies in Ohio called the Higher Education Leadership Coalition.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's Chief Executive Leadership Award (2003); Ohio State University's Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award; the Association of Teacher Educators' Distinguished Research Award; the AACTE's Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education; and Virginia Commonwealth University's Distinguished Woman Scholar Award. In 1998, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, and she has been recognized with the YWCA's Women of Achievement award in Columbus, Milwaukee and Cincinnati.

Dr. Zimpher is married to Kenneth R. Howey, currently a Research Professor in the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Howey was previously on the faculties of education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, the University of Minnesota, and The Ohio State University. He is a former teacher, principal, and laboratory school director.

A copy of Dr. Zimpher's curriculum vitae is attached.

Attachment