

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC RESOLUTION 2013-05

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. James Lyons as Interim President

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Board of Trustees under the D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(10) and in accord with the University's bylaws found at Title 8 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations §200 and following the Board has the responsibility for appointment of an Interim President of the University when the office of the President is vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed a search process for an Interim President and has selected Dr. James Lyons to be Interim President of the University subject to the terms of an Employment Agreement to be executed by Dr. Lyons and to be executed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by the Chair, Dr. Elaine Crider; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyons' educational background includes bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Connecticut and his university leadership experience includes the presidencies of the California State University, Dominguez Hills; Jackson State University in Mississippi; Bowie State University in Maryland; and most recently interim president at Dillard University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyons' national reputation for outstanding leadership in higher education includes Board service for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Mississippi Association of Colleges, the American Council on Education and as Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees appoints Dr. James Lyons as Interim President of the University of the District of Columbia, for a term beginning March 20, 2013 and ending March 19, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dr. Lyons' appointment is subject to extension as mutually agreed by the parties and is otherwise governed by the terms of an Employment Agreement hereby approved by the Board and which the Board Chair Dr. Elaine Crider is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Approved by Board of Trustees:

March 13, 2013


Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson, Board of Trustees