

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**UDC RESOLUTION 2014- 03**

**SUBJECT:     Appointment of Dr. James Lyons as Interim President**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR § 200.1 the Chief Executive Officer of the University appointed by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06(10), shall be the President of the University of the District of Columbia (the "President") and shall report directly to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §200.2 when the office of the President is vacant, the Board shall appoint an individual to serve as Interim President within 30 days of the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §200.3 appointment of the President, including the renewal of an existing appointment, shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §200.4 the terms and conditions of the appointment of the President, including compensation and benefits, shall be set forth in a contract of employment which shall be negotiated with the appointee in a manner directed by the Board and shall be subject to ratification by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board completed a search process for an Interim President and selected Dr. James Lyons to be Interim President of the University for a one year term which expires March 19, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, upon mutual agreement, the Board seeks to employ Dr. Lyons for up to an additional eighteen (18) months subject to the terms of a new 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, 2014 and ending on or before August 31, 2015 subject to approval by the D.C. City Council; and

Approved by Board of Trustees:

January 28, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine A. Crider', written over a horizontal line.

Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees