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Two Confirmed to Join University of the District of Columbia's Board of Trustees

Washington, D.C. — The Council of the District of Columbia yesterday cleared the way for two distinguished citizens to join the University of the District of Columbia's Board of Trustees with the approval of Mayor Anthony A. Williams' nomination of Kristin Mannion and Emily Durso. Ms Mannion and Ms. Durso will join the governing body of the only public university in the District of Columbia at the Board's March meeting.

"The Board is most fortunate to welcome Ms. Mannion and Ms. Durso to our membership," said James W. Dyke, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Their addition, along with our three other recent additions, demonstrates the commitment of Mayor Williams and Councilmember Kathy Patterson (Chair of the District Council's Committee on Education, Libraries, and Recreation) to provide the University with strong, engaged leadership. We are excited to continue working with (University President) Dr. (William L.) Pollard to take the University to the next level of excellence."

Three other Trustees, Mr. Verle B. Hammond, Mr. Gerald B. Lang, and Major General (retired) Leo V. Williams, III, joined the Board January 17, 2006.

Kristin A. Mannion is a Senior Client Partner in the Washington, DC office of Korn/Ferry International. She leads the nonprofit practice in DC, where she recruits leadership for cultural, cause-related, philanthropic and foundation interests. Additionally, she leads the Global Board Services practice, recruiting corporate Board Directors for public and private companies. Prior to joining Korn/Ferry, Ms. Mannion's previous career include long term experience in marketing, external affairs and public policy. Ms. Mannion has served on numerous Boards of Directors and Advisory Committees, including terms with the Child Care Action Campaign, New York State Mentoring Program, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and The National Child Research Center, and the American Council of Young Political Leaders

Emily Durso currently serves as President of the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C., a non-profit trade association representing the interests of ninety member hotels in the District of Columbia on a variety of governmental and public affairs issues. She has served as President and CEO of E.V. Housing Inc., a Washington-based nonprofit affordable housing development corporation, as well as President and CEO of Home Rule Development Corporation, a for-profit development company specializing in community based mixed use projects. Ms. Durso is the founder and a board member of the Hospitality High School of Washington, an academic Charter High School. She currently serves as a member of the Greater Washington Urban League Board, the COMCAST Board of Advisors, and is a sponsor of the Washington Jesuit Academy.

The University of the District of Columbia is the fully-accredited sole public source for accessible, inclusive, affordable, and comprehensive public higher education in the District of Columbia and provides additional life-long learning opportunities. The University delivers quality instruction and uses student-centered approaches to empower

and benefit both individuals and its local communities. The University, an urban land grant institution, is a very diverse community, a gateway to the world, and a significant investment engine for the District of Columbia. The University is located at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, DC 20008 and is conveniently located at the Van Ness/UDC stop on the Red Line of Metro. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and University Spokesperson at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.

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Emily Durso