



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

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DECEMBER 8, 2023
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Date December 8, 2023

Agenda Item: Personnel Action

Information

Discussion

Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby appoints Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz as the 22nd President of Michigan State University, effective March 4, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dr. Guskiewicz as a Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, College of Education, with tenure; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this resolution. (Attachment A).

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz as the 22nd President of Michigan State University. Additionally, Dr. Guskiewicz is recommended for appointment as a Professor in the Department of Kiniesiology within the College of Education, with tenure.

Prior Action by BOT: Not applicable.

Responsible Officers: Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

Dr. Guskiewicz’s academic leadership has been demonstrated through his current and previous appointments at the University of North Carolina (UNC) – Chapel Hill, including as Chancellor, Interim Chancellor, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, founding director of the Matthew Gfeller Sport-

Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center, chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and as a Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science.

Dr. Guskiewicz has exhibited a deep appreciation for the importance of MSU's research endeavors as an Association of American Universities (AAU) institution given both his leadership of a \$1.2 billion research enterprise at UNC-Chapel Hill and his status as a renowned researcher, evidenced through several awards and recognitions including a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. The totality of Dr. Guskiewicz's work has an impact that has advanced knowledge and transformed lives beyond a university's boundary, including with the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the National Football League (NFL), and through initiatives that connected the 100 counties in the state of North Carolina with UNC-Chapel Hill.

Background Information:

The national search for Michigan State University's 22nd president commenced in April 2023, with the 29-member presidential search committee selected to represent the full range of the Spartan family, from faculty and staff to students and alums to university and community leaders. Over 25 open forums and listening sessions were held with University stakeholders to inform the presidential profile and overall search process. The Board of Trustees selected executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to assist in the presidential search process.

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Resource Impact:

Not applicable.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. KEVIN M. GUSKIEWICZ AS THE 22ND PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University commenced a national search for the 22nd president of the University;

WHEREAS, over 25 open forums and listening sessions were held with University stakeholders to inform the presidential profile and overall search process; and

WHEREAS, a 29-member search committee was charged with identifying and recommending several highly qualified candidates for the position and succeeded in this charge; and

WHEREAS, the candidate presented for appointment, Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz, holds the requisite qualifications, characteristics, and skills desired in the next president of the Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guskiewicz's academic leadership has been demonstrated through his current and previous appointments at the University of North Carolina (UNC) – Chapel Hill, including as Chancellor, Interim Chancellor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, founding director of the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center, chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and as a Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guskiewicz has exhibited a deep appreciation for the importance of MSU's research endeavors as an Association of American Universities (AAU) institution given both his leadership of a \$1.2 billion research enterprise at UNC-Chapel Hill and his status as a renowned researcher, evidenced through several awards and recognitions including a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, the totality of Dr. Guskiewicz's work has an impact that has advanced knowledge and transformed lives beyond a university's boundary, including with the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), the National Football League (NFL), and through initiatives that connected the 100 counties in the state of North Carolina with UNC-Chapel Hill; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby appoints Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz as the 22nd President of Michigan State University, effective March 4, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dr. Guskiewicz as a Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, College of Education, with tenure; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this resolution.