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**APPOINTMENT**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the appointment outlined below.

Appointment: DR. SARAH RAJALA as Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering effective April 1, 2013, at an annual salary of \$312,000.

Dr. Rajala has served as department chair of electrical and computer engineering at Mississippi State, and associate dean for research and graduate programs at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. She chairs the Global Engineering Deans Council, and is a former president of the American Society for Engineering Education.

During her years of leadership at Mississippi State, Rajala raised more than \$30 million in private gifts, revised the College of Engineering's strategic plan, and established a diversity advisory council to improve the success rates of students of color and women.

Dr. Rajala earned her bachelor's in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Rice University in Houston. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2008), ASEE (2007), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (2001).