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UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADDS THREE NEW MEMBERS

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Washington, D.C. — The ranks of the University of the District of Columbia's Board of Trustees expanded today, as three new members were sworn into service today as members of the governing board of the only public university in the District of Columbia. The new trustees, the honorable James W. Dyke, Jr., Dr. Rita J. Kirshstein and Mr. Leonard H. Robinson, Jr., were sworn to their new office by Mr. Ronald R. Collins, Director, Office of Boards and Commissions in conjunction with the Board of Trustees regular meeting today.

"We are delighted to be joined on the Board by such distinguished individuals," said Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Each brings special skills and points of view that will strengthen the Board."

James W. Dyke, Jr.'s broad practice covers corporate, legislative, education, voting rights, governmental relations and municipal law. He previously served as Virginia's Secretary of Education under former Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, and as Domestic Policy Advisor to former Vice President Walter Mondale. He also formerly served as the group leader for the Tysons business group, co-chair of the education law team, and team leader for the Year 2000 Solutions Group.

Rita J. Kirshstein has dedicated much of her professional career studying higher education and ways to ensure access for all students seeking a college education. A Managing Director in the Education and Human Development Program at the American Institutes for Research, Dr. Kirshstein has analyzed a wide range of issues that include financial aid policies at both the national and state levels, the causes and consequences of rising tuitions, faculty roles and responsibilities, and the experiences of students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Leonard H. Robinson, Jr. has more than 30 years working and living experience in international affairs, with Africa and Asia as regions of specialization. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, from 1983-85, where he was responsible for economic and commercial policy. As Deputy Assistant Secretary of State from 1990-1993, he was responsible for U.S. policy toward Central and West Africa. In this capacity, his policy portfolios included Narcotics, Terrorism, Democracy and the Peace Corps for Sub-Sahara Africa. He also directed U.S. diplomatic initiatives to facilitate resolution of the Liberia civil war.

The University of the District of Columbia is located at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, and is conveniently located at the Van Ness/UDC Station on the Metro Red Line. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and Alumni Affairs at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.