



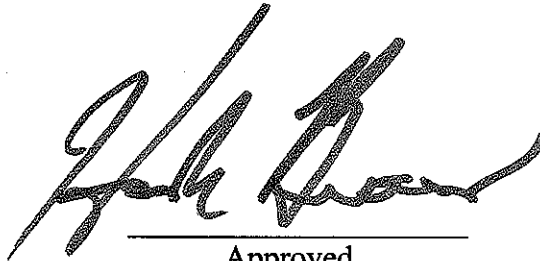
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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: President Hank Brown
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SUBJECT: Emeritus Designation for Former Vice President Jack O. Burns

I. REQUEST FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS

I recommend the following resolution be submitted to the Board of Regents for action on April 19, 2007.

RESOLVED that the Board of Regents grant former Vice President Jack O. Burns the title of vice president emeritus for academic affairs and research, in recognition of his energetic work and dynamic service to the University of Colorado from 2001-2005.

II. STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

Dr. Jack Burns came to CU in 2001 from the University of Missouri – Columbia where he served as vice provost for research. As CU's vice president for academic affairs and research, he oversaw the rapid growth of the technology transfer program and helped develop multi-campus research initiatives including NIST and Los Alamos. He organized the Barrier Busters committee that solved a number of problems, including the seemingly intractable reciprocal parking issue for faculty across the system and established an effective system-level committee of the senior research officers. He was a staunch supporter of diversity efforts, worked with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's Academic Council and GE-25 Council, and supported shared governance efforts with the Faculty Council. He played a significant role in the development and negotiation of CU's Performance Contract with CCHE. He chaired the national Forum of System Chief Academic Officers and hosted their national meeting in 2004; he served on the Executive Committee for the NASULGC Council on Academic Affairs, and was a founding member of the Colorado Science Forum. He improved and enhanced two VPAAR publications - the Economic Indicators Report and the Faculty at Work series. He also directed efforts to revise and improve university policies, such as the policy on classified research. He credits the excellent team in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and

Research for helping him achieve these advances. Dr. Burns returned to the faculty of the Boulder campus in 2005.

The University of Colorado has become a home to the entire Burns family, with Jack as a professor in the Department of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences at Boulder, wife Cathleen Burns as associate dean for academic programs at the Leeds School of Business, and twins Caitlin and Bryan as students at CU (Colorado Springs and Boulder campuses respectively).

III. PREVIOUS ACTION

None.