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New Chairman of the Board Named for Claremont University Consortium

CLAREMONT, Calif.—Claremont University Consortium’s Board of Overseers this week announced the election of Robert E. Gipson as the Consortium’s second board chair, effective July 1, 2006. Gipson is a founding partner of Gipson, Hoffman and Pancione, emphasizing business transactions, charitable entities, corporate development, corporate finance and tax.

CUC’s retiring Board Chair, Dr. Robert Tranquada, stated “Gipson brings to the CUC Board both substantial experience with CUC and impressive legal expertise that will be of invaluable assistance as CUC management and the Board of Overseers make important decisions in the future.”

In assuming the role as CUC Board Chair, Mr. Gipson stated “I look forward to working with CUC as we advance the interests of The Claremont Colleges.” He added, “Dr. Tranquada has made an immeasurable contribution by his service to Claremont University Consortium and to the educational communities it serves. All of us on the Board of Overseers are delighted by his promise of continued involvement with the Board.”

Mr. Gipson assumes the Chairmanship after serving as a founding member of the CUC Board of Overseers and several key committees during the past four years.

Mr. Gipson’s formal education includes a degree in law from Yale University (1973) and an undergraduate degree in government with concentration in international law and relations from Harvard University (1967). Besides holding several board positions with commercial firms, his community board activities include the City Scholars Foundation, The History Institute for Education and Media, the James Redford Institute of Transplant Awareness, the Sundance Institute and the Westwood United Methodist Church. Gipson and his wife Penny have three adult sons.

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The Claremont University Consortium is the central coordinating institution of The Claremont Colleges. As such, CUC provides common services for the internationally renowned cluster of two graduate and five undergraduate colleges serving nearly 6,200 students. The

consortium offers the expansive physical facilities and wide selection of courses, faculty, student services and extracurricular activities of a university, and the personalized education of a small private college. The Consortium includes Pomona College (established in 1887), Claremont Graduate University (1925), Scripps College (1926), Claremont McKenna College (1946), Harvey Mudd College (1955), Pitzer College (1963), and the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Science (1997) and Claremont University Consortium (1925).