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### **A New President for Antioch University McGregor**

*Dr. Fishbein meets the challenges of higher education in very challenging times*

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio – Antioch University is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Fishbein has accepted the position as President of Antioch University McGregor (AUM) in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Chancellor Toni Murdock said, “Dr. Fishbein brings to Antioch University a tremendous wealth of experience and leadership in a variety of different higher education institutions. At this period of Antioch University McGregor's history, he is the perfect candidate to lead the institution in growth and visibility. We are very fortunate to have him join us.”

Dr. Fishbein comes to Antioch from Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire, where he has served as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for the past five years.

Before Daniel Webster, Dr. Fishbein served as Chief Academic Officer at Lyndon State College and Chief Academic Officer of Cazenovia College. He has held other academic, administrative and faculty positions at the College of Saint Rose, The Sage Colleges, and Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Dr. Fishbein chose Antioch because he feels there is unity in values. “The values Antioch stands by and what I live by are exactly the same.” Said Dr. Fishbein. “I am pleased to come to Antioch McGregor because it matters – they contribute something that is unique.”

Dr. Fishbein holds a B.A. *Cum Laude* in Psychology from Bernard M. Baruch College and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. He has written and presented on such topics as information control, the science of inhumanity, academic computing, and academic leadership. He is an active member in the Association of Governing Boards, Council of Independent Colleges and

Universities, the National Academic Advising Association and chairs the Academic Affairs Committee of the New Hampshire College and University Council. He has also served on numerous accreditation teams for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Zak Sharif, Provost at Antioch University McGregor said, "We look forward to welcoming Dr. Fishbein to McGregor and appreciate the valuable academic and administrative leadership he will bring to our campus."

The AUM president search committee selected Dr. Fishbein from a group of ten finalists. These finalists underwent two separate interviews by the search committee in addition to a two-day visit on campus with community interviews. The final interview with members of the search committee took place in Columbus the last week in February.

Dr. Fishbein will begin his position on July 1, 2009; however, he has consented to work with Phil Parker, McGregor's Board of Trustees chair, over the next few months to cultivate and recruit members for McGregor's new board of trustees.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Fishbein in establishing the first Board of Trustees for Antioch University McGregor. We have now taken another very important step in the successful evolution of McGregor," said Phil Parker, McGregor's Board of Trustees chair.

Dr. Fishbein will be accompanied by his wife, Mary Ann Oppenheimer.

Many members of the search committee committed enormous time and energy to bringing this very important task to such a successful closure. Search Committee members were Phil Parker (Chair of Board of Trustees), Dan Young (Yellow Springs community member), Neal King (AULA President), Niels Lyster (Board of Governors), Zak Sharif (AUM Provost), Iris Weisman (AUM Vice President for Academic Affairs), Darlene Robertson (AUM Vice President for Student Services); Jane Brown and Marian Glancy (AUM faculty), Katie Scott (AUM Division Specialist), Deena Hummel and Rob McLaughlin (AUM administrators), and Terry Whorton (AUM student). Also included in the search was Allen Koenig, Senior Partner with the search firm R.H. Perry & Associates, who was very professional and competent.

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Antioch College was founded in 1852 in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Horace Mann, Antioch College's first president, was a renowned educator, architect of the American Public School System, social reformer and abolitionist. Antioch today is the legacy of Horace Mann's original vision, and an example of the success

of educational experimentation, innovation and diversity of thought. Antioch continues to break down educational barriers and rebuild them as educational opportunities. Since its creation in 1852, Antioch has evolved from a small liberal arts college to a multi-campus university system with five campuses located across the nation including Antioch University New England in Keene, New Hampshire; Antioch University Seattle in Washington; Antioch University Los Angeles and Antioch University in Santa Barbara in California; and Antioch University McGregor in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The multiple campuses of the University nurture in their students the knowledge, skills and habits of reflection to act as lifelong learners, democratic leaders and global citizens who live lives of meaning and purpose.