Office of the President
April 24, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE BELL ALCOHOL AND ADDICTIONS CHAIR

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of $123,195 and pledges of $5,000 from multiple donors to add to the existing Bell Alcohol and Addictions Chair in the College of Medicine’s Department of Family and Community Medicine and submit these gifts and pledges of $128,195 for matching funds from Kentucky’s Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK’s participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: The Board of Trustees accepted gifts and pledges of $639,073 from John A. and Jessica Bell and many of their friends on March 7, 2006 to create this Chair. Additional gifts of $85,000 were accepted by the Board on April 25, 2006. The previous gifts, which were matched by the state’s Endowment Match Program, have enhanced research and created new methodologies for teaching medical students and residents how to recognize and treat patients who have alcohol and addictions-related medical conditions. The new gifts and pledges of $128,195 have been given in memory of John A. Bell, who passed away January 31, 2007.