Members, Board of Trustees:

**GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE WOMEN’S CIRCLE ENDOWMENT**

**Recommendation:** that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of $52,750 and pledges of $181,000 from Mira Ball, Phyllis A. MacAdam, Nawanna Privett, Tonya L. Cumbee, Toyi Ward, Lois Weinberg, Joetta Wickliffe, Rita Branscum, Sherry Guiler, Arlene Cohen, Holly Wiedemann, Connie Barnhart, Paula Hanson, Marianne Smith-Edge, Susan G. Smith-Durisek, Verizon Wireless, Kristine M. Hobson, Carlisle B. Van Meter, and Laura Babbage to add to the Women’s Circle Endowment in the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and submit these gifts and pledges of $233,750 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:** These women share a common interest in promoting the welfare of women and ending intimate partner violence, rape, and related crimes. The Center for Research on Violence Against Women is establishing five chairs of $1,000,000 each to support study on violence against women. At its September 2006 meeting, the Board of Trustees accepted $272,989 to establish the Women’s Circle Endowment that will establish the Women’s Circle Chair of Studies on Violence Against Women. The gifts and pledges listed above will bring the total amount of the Endowment, including Endowment Match Program gifts, to $1,006,478. The Women’s Circle Chair is the third of these endowments to be completely funded.

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**Action taken:**  ☑ Approved  ❌ Disapproved  ❌ Other_________________