Members, Board of Trustees:

PHYSICAL THERAPY RICHARD MCDougALL ALUMNI PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of $7,055 and pledges of $67,945 from the family, friends, and colleagues of Richard McDougall to create and endow the Physical Therapy Richard McDougall Alumni Professorship Endowment Fund in the College of Health Sciences and submit these gifts and pledges of $75,000 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: Richard McDougall was appointed the first chair of the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Allied Health Professions. The respect held by the alumni and faculty for Richard McDougall is exemplified in the naming of the prestigious McDougall Distinguished Alumni Lecture Award, given annually to a physical therapy alumnus/ae who exemplifies the excellence in service that was embodied in McDougall’s life work. The division of Physical Therapy has grown from a bachelor’s degree to a clinical doctorate degree program in the last 20 years and is part of the Rehabilitation Sciences Ph.D. program. Richard McDougall was the “founding father” of the Physical Therapy program and a leading contributor to the growth of the profession.