Members, Board of Trustees:

ANONYMOUS PLEDGES TO THE MULTICULTURAL STUDIES ENDOWMENT
IN THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept pledges of $250,000 each from two anonymous donors to create and endow the Multicultural Studies Endowment in the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and submit these pledges of $500,000 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: The Multicultural Studies Endowment will support research on race, ethnicity, and cultural factors that influence the prevalence and impact of violence against women. The initial effort will be establishment of the Multicultural Studies Chair. Professorships, graduate fellowships, and related research activities may also be supported when the Endowment is fully funded. The research will be a joint project with Kentucky State University. The research associated with this endowed chair will focus on the multicultural study of violence against women, specifically focusing on the implications of race and ethnicity in the prevalence, incidence, and manifestations of violence.