Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF THE
BARNSTABLE BROWN KENTUCKY DIABETES AND OBESITY CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment and naming of the Barnstable Brown Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center in the College of Medicine.

Background: The overall goal of the Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center is to organize and align the prominent clinical care and research that is focused on diabetes and obesity. The University of Kentucky has a substantial core of researchers investigating diabetes and obesity with considerable extramural funding. Diabetes and obesity have a broad impact on various facets of health. Clinicians and researchers are found within many departments throughout the university. The goal is to establish a center with a focused area of excellence in diabetes and obesity clinical care, research, and training. By aligning the diverse group of faculty who provide excellence in patient care and research in diabetes and obesity, UK will build this center to national prominence.

Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, the Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center shall be named the “Barnstable Brown Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center” in recognition of the many contributions of the Barnstable and Barnstable Brown families to diabetes research at the University of Kentucky.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Academic Organization and Structure Committee, the Senate Council, and the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken:  ✔ Approved  ❑ Disapproved  ❑ Other ______________________