GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE WOMEN’S CIRCLE ENDOWMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of $152,989 and pledges of $120,000 from Sue C. Badgett of Hanson, Kentucky; Mira S. Ball, Lexington, Kentucky; Mickie DeMoss, Lexington, Kentucky; Carol E. Jordan, Lexington, Kentucky; Ann McBrayer, Lexington, Kentucky; Judi C. Patton, Pikeville, Kentucky; Margaret “Missy” Scanlon, Lexington, Kentucky; Alice S. Sparks, Crescent Springs, Kentucky; Kathy Stein, Lexington, Kentucky; Patsy B. Todd, Lexington, Kentucky; and Lucy B. VanMeter, Lexington, Kentucky; to create and endow the Women’s Circle Endowment in the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women Endowment Fund and submit these gifts and pledges of $272,989 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 founding members of the Women’s Circle Endowment include women in business and public service, and women community volunteers and philanthropists who share a common interest in promoting the welfare of women and ending intimate-partner violence, rape, and related crimes. These women will serve as founders of the Fund that will establish the Women’s Circle Chair of Studies on Violence Against Women. Professorships, graduate fellowships, and related research activities may also be supported by the Women’s Circle Endowment.