Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFT AND PLEDGES FOR BELL PROFESSORSHIP

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts from 21 people totaling $15,623.75 and pledges from 11 people totaling $34,376.25 to establish and endow the Joanne I. Bell Professorship in Critical Thinking and Social Policy Analysis in the College of Social Work.

Background: Joanne I. Bell was an associate professor in the College of Social Work for 25 years prior to her retirement in 1995. She has a national reputation for expertise in social work policy. The gifts and pledges are contingent on matching funds being received from the state’s Research Challenge Trust Fund.

All pledges were made in November and December of 2001 and will be paid within five years of the date and month of the pledge. They include pledges from 10 people totaling $11,800, a pledge of $12,556.25 from Professor Bell and a contingency pledge by her of $10,020. She will pay the $10,020 if that amount is not raised by December, 2006, or she will pay the difference between the $10,020 and the amount that is raised by that date.

Action taken:  ☑ Approved  □ Disapproved  □ Other ___________________