STATEMENT OF VISION, MISSION AND VALUES
Adopted by the University Board of Trustees

MISSION
The University of Kentucky is a public, land grant university dedicated to improving people’s lives through excellence in education, research and creative work, service, and health care. As Kentucky’s flagship institution, the University plays a critical leadership role by promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development, and human well-being.

VISION
The University of Kentucky will be one of the nation’s 20 best public research universities.

VALUES
The University of Kentucky is guided by its core values:

• Integrity
• Excellence
• Mutual Respect and Human Dignity
• Diversity and Inclusion
• Academic Freedom
• Shared Governance
• Work-life Sensitivity
• Civic Engagement
• Social Responsibility

The University of Kentucky is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of Kentucky.

An Equal Opportunity University
The graduation rate for all students entering the University of Kentucky as first-time freshmen during the 2004-2005 academic year was 58.2 percent. This graduation rate represents the percentage of students entering the University of Kentucky as first-time (i.e., new) full-time degree-seeking freshmen during the 2004 Summer and Fall terms who subsequently were awarded baccalaureate degrees by the University of Kentucky within five calendar years (i.e., through August 2010). This rate was calculated under definitions and procedures established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and reported to the NCAA on the University’s 2010 Graduation Rate Disclosure Form in March 2011.

Final regulations and guidelines for the calculation, reporting, and disclosure of graduation rate information required under the Student Right-to-Know Act have not yet been issued by the Department of Education. Definitions of the entering student cohort in the Department of Education’s proposed regulations (Federal Register, July 10, 1992) and the NCAA Graduation Rate Disclosure Form differ slightly. However, the University has determined that the graduation rate information in the annual NCAA report is substantially comparable to the information required under the Student Right-to-Know Act, and is reporting that information at this time pending release of final federal regulations.

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*The information to be disclosed by July 1 of each year is “the graduation rate for the most recent cohort of entering students that all have had an opportunity to complete or graduate from their respective programs” in the specified completion period (which for the University of Kentucky is six years). The most recent entering cohort meeting this requirement is the 2004-2005 freshman class.