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Office of the President
December 11, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY GLUCK EQUINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Mark Bellissimo to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2016.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Agriculture, recommended this appointment to the Interim Provost. These recommended appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on September 18, 1984.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Mark Bellissimo is CEO of Equestrian Sport Production. Mark is one of the founding partners of Wellington Equestrian Partners which purchased the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center and transformed it into one of the premier equestrian show horse facilities in the world. He is the largest shareholder of this facility and managing partner. Wellington Equestrian Partners now has 20 partners and all have family members that participate in equestrian sports and are property owners and /or residents of Wellington Florida. The FTI consulting Winter Equestrian Festival is one of the largest sport horse shows that held at this facility and is managed by Equestrian Sport Production and Mark Bellissimo.