

# AACR 9

Office of the President  
May 8, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE APPALACHIAN CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Appalachian Center from the Vice President for Research to the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2012.

Background: The Appalachian Center was established by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on September 20, 1977. Its mission is to emphasize community-university partnerships in shaping research that is useful in and beyond the region in keeping with the land grant mission of the University. The Center's role is to facilitate stronger connections between student and faculty researchers from across all colleges at the University of Kentucky whose teaching, research, learning and outreach includes a focus on Appalachia. The Center also works to strengthen relationships between colleges and universities in the Appalachian region, and between communities in the 54 Appalachian counties of Kentucky and university partners in collaborative projects documenting and addressing the region's particular contributions and challenges in a global context.

Relocation of the Appalachian Center has been under discussion since the Report of the Periodic Review Committee for the Appalachian Center in October 2009 and in response to a survey of the UK Appalachian Studies faculty in 2010. The top goal listed by the faculty in moving toward the future was to reunite the Appalachian Studies Program and the Appalachian Center so the academic mission of both could be strengthened.

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

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_