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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Center for Health Services Management and Research to the Center for Health Services Research, in the Office of the Provost, effective immediately.

Background: The Center for Health Services Management and Research was established by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on May 5, 1998, as an interdisciplinary center reporting to the Chancellor of the Medical Center. The Center was established to address important issues in health services organization, financing, accessibility, cost, quality, appropriateness, and outcomes with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of individuals and populations. The Center was also charged with outreach responsibilities to train health professionals for work in managed care and other new health services environments.

With the implementation of the Provost model in July 2003, all academic units reporting to the Chancellor of the Medical Center were moved to the Provost. In 2004 the Board of Trustees approved the creation of the College of Public Health and the academic components of the Center were incorporated into the newly created Department of Health Service Management. Research activities/efforts related to health services/outcomes remained in all colleges of the academic medical center and in several other academic units on campus. The need remained for an interdisciplinary research center; however the catalyzing function of the Center waned.

The renewed focus nationally on health services/systems research created by the Affordable Care Act, has resulted in substantial funding opportunities in this area for UK faculty, and has increased the need for an active interdisciplinary research center to catalyze campus research in these areas. The goal of the Center will be to accelerate the discovery of new knowledge concerning clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of health care delivery innovations, particularly for rural and limited-resource settings.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____