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Office of the President  
March 19, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

## ACCEPTANCE OF UNIVERSITY CREED

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept the following University of Kentucky Creed.

### The University of Kentucky Creed

As a Wildcat,

*I promise to strive for academic excellence and freedom by promoting an environment of creativity and discovery.*

*I promise to pursue all endeavors with integrity and compete with honesty.*

*I promise to embrace diversity and inclusion and to respect the dignity and humanity of others.*

*I promise to contribute to my University and community through leadership and service.*

*I promise to fulfill my commitments and remain accountable to others.*

We believe in the University of Kentucky and will forever honor our alma mater.

Background: In August 2012, President Capilouto asked the President of the Student Government Association to explore the development of a student or university creed. A 17-member committee was formed with representation from faculty, staff, students, alumni and the Board of Trustees.

Core values of integrity, academic excellence and academic freedom, mutual respect and human dignity, embracing diversity, sense of community, and civic responsibility/service to society were cornerstones of the creed. The committee also tried to include ideas of accountability, collegiality, university community, service to global society, current student and alumni applicability, and truthfulness.

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