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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

RENAMING OF PAUL A. THORNTON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN CLINICAL
NUTRITION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MICHAEL P. THORNTON PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a request from Michael P. Thornton and the Department of Clinical Nutrition/Nutritional Sciences to rename the Paul A. Thornton Graduate Fellowship in Clinical Nutrition to the Paul A. Thornton Graduate Fellowship in Clinical Nutrition/Nutritional Sciences and to amend the agreement to link the fellowships to the clinical nutrition research being conducted by the holder of the Joseph Hamburg Professorship. Further, it is recommended that the board accept a pledge of \$250,000 from Michael P. Thornton of Boston, Massachusetts to add to the existing Paul A. Thornton Graduate Fellowship in Clinical Nutrition/Nutritional Sciences in the College of Health Sciences and submit this pledge of \$250,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: Dr. Paul A. Thornton was appointed acting director and then chair of the Department of Clinical Nutrition in 1971. He served in this role until 1985. This endowment serves as a tribute to Dr. Thornton, who is considered the founder of the graduate program in clinical nutrition in what is now the College of Health Sciences. Michael P. Thornton, son of Paul A. Thornton, wishes to memorialize his father with this gift.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____