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Office of the President
October 27, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

REPLACE WILDCAT LODGE STUDENT HOUSING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$7,000,000 from Joseph W. Craft III for and on behalf of the Difference Makers to fund the “Replace Wildcat Lodge Student Housing” project; approve transfers of up to \$7,000,000 from the intercollegiate athletics quasi-endowments to provide temporary financing of the project; approve initiation of the project; and authorize the President to complete a pledge agreement.

Background: Wildcat Lodge, the campus residential housing for UK men’s basketball players and non-student athletes, was completed in 1978 and most recently renovated in 2000 to address many system and life safety issues. The new facility will continue to house both men’s basketball players and non-student athletes and will contain many of the programmatic components provided in the UK residence halls that opened in Fall 2005.

The project scope is not expected to exceed \$7,000,000. Per the proposed agreement, the pledge is to be paid over a 10-year period. The project will initially be funded by transfers of up to \$7,000,000 from the intercollegiate athletics quasi-endowments as needed. Payments toward the pledge will be used to replenish the quasi-endowments.

Joseph W. Craft III received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree and a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky. He is the largest donor to the University of Kentucky Athletic Association and in recognition of his contributions, the men’s and women’s basketball practice facility bears his name. The Difference Makers is a group of UK supporters, brought together by Mr. Craft, which will assist with funding the project with gifts and in-kind contributions.

Contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees, this project will be submitted for approval to the Council on Postsecondary Education at its November 5, 2009 meeting, and then to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee at its November 17, 2009 meeting.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____