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Office of the President May 6, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AMENDING THE ALUMNI TRUSTEES ELECTION RESOLUTION

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve a Resolution by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association which amends the rules and regulations for the election of the alumni trustee members of the Board of Trustees.

<u>Background</u>: Kentucky Revised Statues Section 164.140 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky to prescribe the method by which the alumni may nominate alumni trustee members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees.

Since 1935 the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Board of Directors has recommended the rules and regulations for nominating alumni trustees to the Board of Trustees for their approval. These rules and regulations were last amended on January 21, 1997.

On April 12, 2003, the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Board of Directors passed the attached resolution recommending amendments to the rules and regulations that would:

- 1. Provide flexibility for the election to be conducted any time from July 1 through May 31 during the year prior to a new appointment so that the ballot can be included in the fall *Kentucky Alumni* magazine that goes to all graduates, or in another issue of the magazine if more appropriate and/or cost effective. In past years the ballot has been included in the spring AlumWise newsletter; however, the publication of that newsletter has been discontinued.
- 2. Relocate some of the language of the existing Resolution to other places within the Resolution more related to that language;
- 3. Allow online voting;
- 4. Extend the time for counting the votes and reporting the results to the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION ALUMNI TRUSTEES ELECTION

Presented to the Board of Trustees by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association May 6, 2003, outlining method of election for the alumni trustee members of Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 164.140 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky to prescribe rules and regulations for the nomination of alumni trustee members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the use of a simplified ballot with which the biographical sketches of nominees can be consolidated utilizing the most effective and efficient distribution method in order to reduce expenses in mailing ballots, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for these rules related to alumni trustee election to be revised in order to clarify election and balloting procedures, and

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the following rules and regulations, as revised, shall govern the nomination and election of graduates of the University of Kentucky to be appointed to the Board of Trustees:

- At a regular called meeting held not later than June 30, one year prior to the beginning of the next elected Trustee's term, the Nominating for Alumni Trustee Committee of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association shall nominate, from the graduates of the University, six persons who are qualified for appointment to the University Board of Trustees.
 - (a) Alumni Trustee incumbents will not be permitted to succeed themselves in the following election, but will be eligible for any future alumni trustee election.
 - (b) Any alumni association district is limited to no more than two candidates.
 - (c) Each candidate may request one, and only one, list (name, mail address, home telephone, e-mail address) in either printed or electronic format of eligible voting graduates who are active members of the UK Alumni Association from the secretary of the UK Alumni Association.
- 2. When the names of these six nominees have been certified by the Secretary of the Alumni Association and approved by the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, they shall be arranged alphabetically and placed on a ballot for each eligible voting graduate to record his or her vote.
- 3. The following election timeline will be adhered to by the alumni office:
 - (a) The election may take place any time between July 1 and May 31 of the 12 months prior to the beginning of the next elected Trustees term and appointment by the Governor.
 - (b) The election will be completed by May 31.

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- (c) Any ballot, to be counted, must be in the office of the Secretary of the UK Alumni Association not later than noon of the deadline appearing on the ballot and no ballot received after that time shall be counted.
- (d) Ballots will be counted within five (5) business days following the deadline for voting, and the three nominees receiving the most votes sent to the Secretary of the University Board of Trustees within ten (10) business days following the deadline for voting.
- 4. The ballots, so prepared, shall be mailed to those entitled to vote (see Kentucky Revised Statute Section 164.140) as their addresses appear in the files of the Alumni Office. With each ballot there shall be sent:
 - (a) A short biography of each candidate, which may contain among other things, the date of the candidate's graduation, their present and past occupation, and any public service which has been rendered.
 - (b) Necessary instructions for voting, including the number of persons to be voted for, and the method of marking and mailing the ballot.
 - (c) There also may be included other information or material of general interest to the alumni.
- 5. In the event that a ballot has been lost or otherwise destroyed, no person shall receive a duplicate ballot unless authorized by the Secretary of the Association. No person shall be permitted to vote other than by official ballot or through an electronic voting procedure using the World Wide Web.
- 6. Each graduate may vote for any of the persons listed on the ballot. In order for a ballot to be valid no more than three persons can be voted for on any ballot.
- 7. The vote shall be by mail, delivery, online or any other method considered appropriate by the Association to the Secretary of the UK Alumni Association.
- 8. The ballots shall be counted by an election committee consisting of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees or their representative, the Secretary of the Alumni Association and other persons agreed on by them.
- 9. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall certify to the Governor the names of three persons receiving the largest number of votes, from which the Governor may make appointment in accordance with the law.
- 10. Any details of the election not covered in the Kentucky Statutes or in these regulations shall be decided upon by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.