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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF NAME AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF
THE TRACY FARMER INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment to Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment and transfer of administrative oversight from the Dean, College of Agriculture to the Vice President for Research effective July 1, 2009.

Background: The Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment was created in August 2000 as a result of a gift by Carol and Tracy Farmer. The mission of the Tracy Farmer Center is to serve as the University of Kentucky's focal interdisciplinary center for the comprehensive integration of research, education, and public service dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of environmental systems; analysis and management of environmental problems and issues; development of sustainable technologies and solutions to these environmental problems and issues; and successful transfer and dissemination of the technologies and solutions to state, federal, and local governments, private organizations, businesses, corporations, and individuals. With Mr. Farmer's enthusiastic consent, the scope of the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment will be expanded to become a portal for all environmental programs and activities and renamed the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment.

The name change and administrative reassignment is endorsed by the donor, faculty, and administrators participating in the Center. The provost supports this recommendation.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____