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Office of the President
April 28, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHARITABLE GRANT AND GIFT COMMITMENTS TO THE STANLEY AND KAREN PIGMAN HERITAGE SCIENCE PROFESSORSHIP FUND AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND AND ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept charitable grant and gift commitments (the "Gift") totaling $567,000 from The Koivu Fund and Virginia Hill (the "Donors") to support an endowed professorship fund in the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and submit this Gift for matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund ("RCTF") and Endowment Match Program. Further, pursuant to guidelines approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility for UK's participation in and implementation of the RCTF program and for providing oversight of all university endowment funds.

Background: The 2022 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky approved a sixth round of funding for the Research Challenge Trust Fund. State matching funds are available only for new gift commitments made after July 1, 2022. UK will receive $20,000,000 in matching funds that must be designated for endowments specifically supporting initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health (i.e., STEM+H). Furthermore, the endowments are to support research activities that stimulate business development, increase externally sponsored research, create better jobs and a higher standard of living, and facilitate Kentucky's transition to a knowledge-based economy. The RCTF provides a dollar-for-dollar match at a minimum. UK will use the RCTF to match at a 2:1 ratio. As a result, UK will leverage $20,000,000 into $60,000,000.

The Donors have generously made grant and gift commitments totaling $567,000 to support the endowed professorship fund named the "Stanley and Karen Pigman Heritage Science Professorship" in the College of Engineering. This Gift is eligible to receive RCTF matching funds.

In recognition of the significance of the Gifts, and with the consent of the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Gifts will be submitted for RCTF matching funds at a gift to matching funds ratio of 2:1.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____