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Office of the President
April 28, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

ALLAN AND GINGER BROWN GRANT AND GRANT COMMITMENT AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND AND ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable grant and grant commitment (the "Grant") totaling $145,000 from Allan and Ginger Brown of Plano, Texas (the "Donors") to support an endowed faculty excellence fund for the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and submit this grant and grant commitment for matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust ("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 a grant of $30,000 and a grant commitment of $115,000 to support an endowed faculty excellence fund named the "Allan and Ginger Brown Aerospace Faculty Excellence Fund" for the College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. The grant and grant commitment (the "Grant") are eligible to receive RCTF matching funds.

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

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____