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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GRANT FROM THE KENTUCKY SPINAL CORD AND HEAD INJURY RESEARCH TRUST TO BENEFIT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE SPINAL CORD AND BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable grant totaling $1,000,000 from the Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust to establish and support a fund named the "All Access Research Training Scholars Program Endowment," to benefit the College of Medicine's Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center.

Background: The Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Board manages the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust Fund (KSCHIRT) and allocates funds from court costs/judicial fines and other sources to support spinal cord and head injury research.

Established in 1999 with money from KSCHIRT, the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center (SCoBIRC) at the University has a mission to promote functional repair of the injured spinal cord and brain through advances in basic and clinical research, facilitated collaborative efforts across health-related disciplines, endorsement and support of patient advocacy, and the development of programs of excellence in education and training.

The goal of SCoBIRC is to build upon these advances to find treatments that are more effective and ultimately to achieve functional repair of the injured spinal cord and brain. The faculty includes researchers and clinicians from a variety of disciplines working together to promote the cross-fertilization of ideas and multidisciplinary interactions. The studies range from fundamental neuroscience research to clinical applications.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____