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Office of the President
June 16, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF EDUCATIONAL UNIT:
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Engineering Technology to the “Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology”, in the College of Engineering.

Background: Mr. Fujio Cho is the inaugural Executive Director of Toyota Motors Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK). The proposed naming affords the university an opportunity to honor Mr. Cho’s vision for a robust collaborative partnership between Toyota and the University of Kentucky and an opportunity to recognize the economic impact of Toyota in Kentucky and nationally. The Cho name is prestigious and will bring distinction to the department, its program, graduates and collective accomplishments. It also expresses gratitude for Toyota’s longstanding material support of Engineering and more recently the creation of the Engineering Technology Department. Since 1988, Toyota has provided \$14.4 million in support for Engineering programs at UK.

The name change will not impact the department’s current structure and highlights the importance of the university’s relationship with business and industry for sustaining the economic well-being of the Commonwealth.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department of Engineering Technology and the College of Engineering; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____