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Office of the President  
December 14, 2021

Members, Board of Trustees:

## PLEDGE FROM JAMES F. HARDYMON

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$3,000,000 from James F. Hardymon to establish and support a capital project fund named the “James Hardymon Capital Project Fund for Emerging Undergraduate Programs” in the College of Engineering.

Background: James F. Hardymon is a native of Maysville, Kentucky, and earned his master’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1958. Mr. Hardymon is the retired Chairman and CEO of Textron, Inc., an American industrial conglomerate with notable subsidiaries such as Bell Textron, Arctic Cat, E-Z-GO and Textron Aviation. He is a former member and chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, the Athletics Oversight Committee, the UK Athletics Association Board, the Business Partnership Foundation and the College of Engineering’s Dean’s Advisory Council. He currently serves as a Community Advisory Member of the University’s Investment Committee and is a member of the UK Kentucky Can Campaign Leadership Council, the Kentucky Can Campaign Steering Committee, the Engineering Kentucky Can Campaign Steering Committee and the Markey Cancer Center Foundation Board of Trustees. He was inducted into the College of Engineering’s Hall of Distinction in 1995, the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000 and was awarded the Civil Engineering Career Achievement Award in 1998. The James F. Hardymon Communications and Network Building and the James and Gay Hardymon Center for Student Success are named in his honor.

The “James Hardymon Capital Project Fund for Emerging Undergraduate Programs” will support the construction, renovation and/or expansion of laboratory spaces in the University’s Grehan Building, the Robotics and Manufacturing Building, and the Ralph G. Anderson complex, to accommodate the College of Engineering’s biomedical engineering program, the engineering technology program and the aerospace engineering program, respectively.

Including this pledge, Mr. Hardymon’s philanthropic impact on the university exceeds \$19,000,000.

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Action taken: ☒ Approved    ☐ Disapproved    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_