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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GRANT COMMITMENT FROM
THE DELTA DENTAL OF KENTUCKY FOUNDATION, INC. TO BENEFIT
THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, MARKEY CANCER CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable grant commitment of \$1,000,000 from the Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation, Inc., to establish and support a new endowed distinguished professorship fund named the “Delta Dental Distinguished Professorship in Oral Cancer Research Fund” in the College of Medicine, Markey Cancer Center.

Background: Delta Dental of Kentucky created the Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation to support its mission of ensuring every Kentuckian has a healthy and happy smile. Every year, through the Foundation, Delta Dental of Kentucky reaffirms its commitment to support programs and services that improve the oral health and quality of life of citizens across the Commonwealth. Since 2015, more than \$20 million has been donated to various projects and non-profit organizations in Kentucky. The Foundation directs at least 70% of its dollars each year directly to dental treatment and oral health education.

Delta Dental of Kentucky is a longtime University partner. In 2022, the Foundation and the College of Dentistry collaborated to expand oral health care access to underserved populations through free, educational, prevention and treatment efforts. The Foundation provided a mobile dental van, a driver with a Commercial Driver License, dental equipment and other supplies, along with funding for a UK College of Dentistry faculty dentist, outreach coordinator and dental students to carry out the planned outreach activities. The mobile van offered screenings, basic dental treatments and educational oral health instruction at each outreach site at no cost to local communities.

Delta Dental of Kentucky is committed to bright smiles and healthy lifestyles for its 800,000 enrollees and the communities they serve. Delta Dental of Kentucky is part of a family of companies that collectively are among the largest, most experienced dental plan administrators in the nation. Its network of providers gives its customers access to high-quality, affordable dental care.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other