

Office of the President  
June 21, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

UNIVERSITY STAFF EMERITUS BE CONFERRED UPON  
JOHN HERBST

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees confer upon John Herbst the title of University Staff Emeritus in recognition of his many years of service, dedication, and loyalty to the University of Kentucky.

Background: John Herbst has provided service to the University of Kentucky and the people of the Commonwealth for nearly 45 years. John was named the Executive Director of the Student Center in 1997. Previously, he served in numerous leadership roles in the UK Student Center. He has been recognized nationally as the Outstanding Student Activities Director (1985), the Outstanding Student Government Advisor (2000), and the Meritorious Service Award recipient from Omicron Delta Kappa (2002). John has also served on the national Board of Directors of the National Association for Campus Activities, the University Commencement Committee as chairman and producer, and as a member of the University's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Reaffirmation of Accreditation Team.

John received his baccalaureate degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, and his Master of Education Degree from Boston College. He holds certificates from the College Business Management Institute (CBMI) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He also is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Certified Commercial Hot Air Balloon Pilot.

John provided essential leadership in laying the resource foundation for and the planning, construction, opening, and operation of the Bill Gatton Student Center. The Association of College Unions – International (ACUI) selected the facility to receive the 2019 ACUI Facility Design Award of Excellence for student-centered facilities that support campus community building and student learning. John received the Emeritus Award from ACUI in March 2019.

He has dedicated his time, his talents, and his faithful service to the University of Kentucky since August 1974. The University will be forever grateful to him for his service to the University of Kentucky and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

John Herbst has brought great distinction to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky during his tenure as Executive Director of the Gatton Student Center and is truly deserving of the honor of University Staff Emeritus.

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