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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

RENAMING OF RESIDENCE HALL

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the official renaming of Woodland Glen III Residence Hall as “Pigman Hall” in recognition of Stan and Karen Pigman’s impact on the College of Engineering.

Background: The College of Engineering’s Living Learning Program (ELLP), the residential facility for students in the College of Engineering is the largest living learning program on UK’s campus with one-third of all program participants at the university. Students in the ELLP benefit from peer mentors, interaction with other engineering students, faculty and alumni, and receive holistic support to navigate their college experience. Statistics show that university retention rates and GPAs are higher among students in the ELLP community than students in other residential circumstances, resulting in a well-rounded student with the confidence to succeed in the industry.

The ELLP’s success is due in large part to Stan and Karen Pigman’s vision and generosity. In addition to their contributions and commitments of nearly \$25M to the College of Engineering, they provide scholarships (requiring ELLP participation), camps, mentoring opportunities, workshops, and other initiatives to create an immersive engineering experience for students. Most recently, the Pigmans committed \$1.25M towards an engineering technology collaboration between the College of Engineering and Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC). Students in this degree pathway begin at BCTC, live in the ELLP for at least their freshman and sophomore years, and transition to the university to finish their degree. This degree pathway creates a student pipeline directly to the College of Engineering and enrollment is projected to increase.

The Pigmans are long-time benefactors, and student advocates committed to the College of Engineering’s recruitment, engagement and retention of the best and brightest students. It is fitting that the ELLP residence be renamed “Pigman Hall.”

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed this request and found it to be in compliance with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____