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Office of the President
February 23, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

PROPOSED REVISION TO GOVERNING REGULATION:
STAFF SENATE MEMBERSHIP (SECOND READING)

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the attached revision to *Governing Regulation (GR) V, The Staff Senate*, which was received for preliminary consideration as PR 3 on December 12, 2017. The revision, if approved, will allow the Staff Senate to determine its own membership requirements in order to increase participation in the Staff Senate by University of Kentucky staff employees.

Background: During the 2017 Staff Senate elections, two applicants were unable to run for senator because the length of time they had been employed at the University was less than the one (1) year of continuous employment required by GR V. New staff employees are informed during new employee orientation that they must wait one year before applying to run for Staff Senator. The primary goals of the Staff Senate are better achieved when participation increases. This revision places responsibility for determining the qualifications for the Senate's membership in the hands of the body, which will allow the Staff Senate to grow at a faster pace.

The proposed revision to GR V will allow the Staff Senate, through its By-Laws, to establish rules regarding the:

- a) Eligibility of staff employees to vote in Senate elections;
- b) Eligibility of staff employees to stand for election as senator; and
- c) Appointment of at-large and ex officio senators.

The Staff Senate voted and approved the proposed revision to GR V at its meeting on November 9, 2017. In accordance with *Governing Regulation (GR) XIII, University Regulations*, the Staff Senate, through the President, recommends the attached revision to GR V to the Board of Trustees. The President supports the proposed revision.

A revised copy of GR VII is attached. Proposed additions are underlined; proposed deletions are lined through.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____