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Office of the President
May 1, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY TRANSFORMATION
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), a multidisciplinary research center, in the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2018.

Background: CHET's mission will be to coordinate transdisciplinary, translational research and training efforts across UK units to address health disparities. CHET will foster and catalyze research across the translational spectrum, from improving the understanding of risk factors that contribute to health inequalities, to implementing, disseminating, and evaluating interventions, programs, and policies that remedy such disparities.

In addition, CHET will enable the institution to leverage resources already dedicated to improving health equity, including the Kentucky legislature's major investment in a health disparities research facility (RB 2, a \$265 million research building); implementation of UK's strategic plan (emphasizing community engagement, transdisciplinary research, and student success); new calls from foundations and federal agencies to combat health disparities; and a critical mass of UK faculty, staff, and students with health equity-focused research. CHET has identified initial targets for extramural research funding.

The Proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate approved the Proposal based upon its academic merits and endorsed the resources and placement of the Center. The Vice President for Research and Provost of the University support this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____