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David Randall, PhD  
Chair, Senate Council

Dear David:

I ask the consideration and endorsement of the attached proposal to rename the Cardiovascular Research Center within the College of Medicine to the Dr. Siby and Becky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center.

This recommendation has been carefully considered by the leadership of the College and UK HealthCare. Dr. and Mrs. Saha have been prominent supporters of the University and our community as a whole. They have, as you will read in the attached proposal, focused much of their philanthropic attention on cardiovascular research and education.

I wish the Council to know that the Saha Cardiovascular Research Center Fund Endowment will serve as a catalyst for innovative research, stimulate educational activities, foster collaboration and increase national recognition for the University in the field of cardiovascular research. In fact, I believe this Center has the potential to make UK the leader in this field.

I appreciate your careful consideration, and I ask your endorsement of the proposal. I acknowledge and ask your understanding of a shortened time line in seeking approval. The donor family wishes that a public announcement and celebratory event occur on April 11<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the visit of India's ex-president to UK. I am happy to answer any questions and provide any addition information or clarifications if needed. I am also happy to speak with you personally if you would find such a conversation would benefit your review of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay A. Perman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jay A. Perman, MD  
Dean, College of Medicine  
Vice President for Clinical Affairs



# **Proposal to rename the Cardiovascular Research Center (CVRC) the *Dr. Siby and Becky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center***

March 10, 2010

**History:** Established as a UK Center of Excellence in 2005, the Cardiovascular Research Center has achieved international prominence through the innovative, multi-disciplinary research conducted by its investigators.

The CVRC's core faculty and its many affiliated physician-scientists are committed to the basic science and translational research that will lead to advances in patient care. Central to the mission of the CVRC is the training of postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, medical students and residents who will be the future of cardiovascular medicine. Dr. Alan Daugherty serves as Director of the Cardiovascular Research Center.

**Donors:** Dr. Siby and Mrs. Becky Saha have a long history of philanthropy at UK and in the community. Having chosen to settle in Lexington almost 35 years ago, he has a personal and professional interest in improving the cardiovascular health of the people of Kentucky. They have focused much of their giving, both personally and through the Saha Family Foundation, on cardiovascular research and education.

Following a distinguished career in private practice, Dr. Saha joined the faculty of the UK College of Medicine in 2002 as Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Saha also currently serves as the Chair of the Gill Heart Institute Director's Council.

**Rationale:** Dr. and Mrs. Saha have committed gifts and pledges totaling \$1,000,000 to establish an endowment, the Saha Cardiovascular Research Center Fund in the CVRC. This Fund will be used to support cardiovascular research under the direction of the holder of the Gill Foundation Chair in Preventive Cardiology. The Sahas' gift is anticipated to be matched with \$500,000 in RCTF funds.

Dr. Saha identified a philanthropic interest in supporting and naming the Cardiovascular Research Center through his previous giving and through conversations with Dr. Alan Daugherty, Dean Jay Perman and Dr. Michael Karpf over the past several years.

Jack and Linda Gill, the donors whose gift established the Jack and Linda Gill Heart Institute in 1998 have been consulted about this proposed renaming and are very supportive.

The Sahas gift and subsequent naming of the CVRC will help bring prominence to the CVRC's work and set an example for potential donors in the community.