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Office of the President  
April 24, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE WILLIAM H. OTIS AND MARQUITA SIVIS OTIS  
PROFESSORSHIP IN GERONTOLOGY AND INTERGENERATIONAL  
SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of \$2,000 and pledges of \$48,000 from multiple donors to create and endow the William H. Otis and Marquita Sivis Otis Professorship in Gerontology and Intergenerational Social Work in the College of Social Work and submit these gifts and pledges of \$50,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: Dr. Melanie D. Otis, an associate professor in the College of Social Work, has created this endowment to honor her parents. Based on her personal experience with aging family members, she is committed to gerontology education for all social workers. Several of Dr. Otis' friends and colleagues have made gifts and pledges to support gerontology education and research.

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