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Office of the President  
June 12, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

## RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AMENDING THE ALUMNI TRUSTEES ELECTION RESOLUTION

Recommendation: that approval be given to the attached resolution by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association which amends the rules and regulations for the election of the alumni trustee members of the Board of Trustees.

Background: Kentucky Revised Statute Section 164.140 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky to prescribe the method by which the alumni may nominate alumni trustee members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees. Since 1935 the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Board of Directors has recommended the rules and regulations for nominating alumni trustees to the Board of Trustees for their approval. These rules and regulations were last amended on May 6, 2003.

On April 21, 2007, the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Board of Directors passed the attached resolution recommending amendments to the rules and regulations that would:

1. Change the method of distribution of the election ballot. Instead of being an insert in the *Kentucky Alumni* magazine, the ballot would be delivered in an email dedicated to the election, as well as be included in the association's monthly eAlumWise electronic newsletter. The fall *Kentucky Alumni* magazine would announce that the ballot for the upcoming Alumni Trustee Election will be distributed by e-mail only. Graduates would be encouraged to go to [www.ukalumni.net](http://www.ukalumni.net) or to call 1-800-269-ALUM to confirm or update their e-mail address for receipt of a ballot. Graduates will also be informed that if they do not have an e-mail address, they may call 1-800-269-ALUM to request that a printed ballot be mailed to them.
2. Possibly increase voter participation. While the number of graduates receiving the ballot would decline from approximately 136,000 to 60,000, it is projected that a higher percentage of graduates will participate in the election due to the ease of Online voting at the time of receiving the email.
3. Reduce the cost to the university in conducting the election from \$15,000 to \$0.

Proposed additions are underlined; proposed deletions are lined through.

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

## RESOLUTION ALUMNI TRUSTEES ELECTION

Presented to the Board of Trustees by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association ~~May 6, 2003~~  
June 12, 2007 outlining method of election for the alumni trustee members of Board of Trustees.

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WHEREAS, Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 164.140, as stated below, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky to prescribe rules and regulations for the nomination of alumni trustee members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees, and

164.140 . Selection of alumni trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the university shall prescribe the method by which the alumni may, at their annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, nominate to the Governor three (3) persons from whom the alumni members shall be appointed. No alumnus shall be permitted to vote for the nomination of alumni trustees in the year in which he secures his degree. If the alumni fail to make nominations to the Governor for any year in which nominations are to be made, the Governor shall for that year appoint the alumni trustees from the entire alumni, a list of which shall be provided by the secretary of the alumni association. (4527-13.)

WHEREAS, the use of a simplified ballot with which the biographical sketches of nominees can be consolidated utilizing the most effective and efficient distribution method in order to reduce expenses in mailing ballots, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for these rules related to alumni trustee election to be revised in order to clarify election and balloting procedures, and

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the following rules and regulations, as revised, shall govern the nomination and election of graduates of the University of Kentucky to be appointed to the Board of Trustees:

1. ~~At a regular called meeting held not later than June 30,~~ Within one year prior to the beginning of the next elected Trustee's term, the ~~Nominating for Alumni Trustee~~ Executive Committee of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association shall nominate, from the graduates of the University, six persons who are qualified for appointment to the University Board of Trustees.
  - (a) Alumni Trustee incumbents will not be permitted to succeed themselves in the following election but will be eligible for any future alumni trustee election.
  - (b) Any alumni association district is limited to no more than two candidates.
  - ~~(c) Each candidate may request one, and only one, list (name, mail address, home telephone, e-mail address) in either printed or electronic format of eligible voting graduates who are active members of the UK Alumni Association from the secretary of the UK Alumni Association.~~

2. When the names of these six nominees have been certified by the Secretary of the Alumni Association and approved by the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, they shall be arranged alphabetically and placed on a ballot for each eligible voting graduate to record his or her vote.
3. The following election [steps and](#) timeline will be ~~adhered to by the alumni office~~ followed [during the year prior to the year when the next elected Trustee's term begins](#):
  - ~~(a) The election may take place any time between July 1 and May 31 of the 12 months prior to the beginning of the next elected Trustees term and appointment by the Governor.~~
  - ~~(b) The election will be completed by May 31.~~
  - (c) Moved to #5.
  - (d) Moved to #6.

[August 31 – Announcement of election in \*Kentucky Alumni\* magazine](#)

[August 31 – Executive Committee of UK Alumni Association selects six nominees](#)

[September 30 – UK Alumni Association Board of Directors approve six nominees](#)

[November 30 – Ballot distributed by e-mail or other available electronic method](#)

[December 31 – Ballot deadline](#)

[January 31 – Three nominees with most votes submitted to UK Board of Trustees](#)

[February 28 – Three nominees with most votes submitted to Governor of Kentucky](#)

[June 30 – Governor of Kentucky appoints Alumni Trustee](#)

[July 1 – Six-year term begins](#)

4. The ballots, so prepared, shall be ~~mailed~~ [e-mailed](#) to those entitled to vote (see Kentucky Revised Statute Section 164.140) as their addresses appear in the files of the ~~Alumni Office~~ [UK Alumni Association](#). [Any eligible voting graduate who does not have an e-mail address may request a printed ballot to cast his or her vote.](#) With each ballot there shall be sent:
  - (a) A short biography of each candidate, which may contain among other things, the date of the candidate's graduation, their present and past occupation, and any public service which has been rendered.
  - (b) Necessary instructions for voting, including the number of persons to be voted for, and the method of marking and ~~mailing~~ [submitting](#) the ballot.
  - (c) There also may be included other information or material of general interest to the alumni.

5. Any ballot, to be counted, must be in the office of the Secretary of the UK Alumni Association not later than noon Lexington time of the deadline date appearing on the ballot and no ballot received after that time shall be counted.
6. Ballots will be counted within five (5) business days following the deadline for voting, and the three nominees receiving the most votes sent to the Secretary of the University Board of Trustees within ~~ten (10)~~ thirty (30) business days following the deadline for voting.
7. In the event that a ballot has been lost or otherwise destroyed, no person shall receive a duplicate ballot unless authorized by the Secretary of the Association. No person shall be permitted to vote other than by official ballot or through an electronic voting procedure using the World Wide Web.
8. ~~Each graduate may vote for any of the persons listed on the ballot.~~ In order for a ballot to be valid no more than three persons can be voted for on any ballot.
9. The vote shall be cast by mail, ~~delivery~~, Online or any other method considered appropriate by the Association to the Secretary of the UK Alumni Association.
10. The ballots shall be counted by an election committee consisting of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees or their representative, the Secretary of the Alumni Association and other persons agreed on by them.
11. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall certify to the Governor the names of the three (3) persons receiving the largest number of votes, from which the Governor shall make the appointment in accordance with the law.
12. Any details of the election not covered in the Kentucky Statutes or in these regulations shall be decided upon by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.