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Office of the President  
June 9, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE ANIMAL BIOSAFETY LEVEL 2  
CONTAINMENT FACILITY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gifts of \$35,995 from multiple donors and a pledge of \$100,000 from Darley America of Lexington, Kentucky for the construction of an Animal Biosafety Level 2 Containment Facility at the Maine Chance Equine Education and Research Campus of the College of Agriculture's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Foundation and authorize the president to submit the total of \$135,995 for match from the Research Capital Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program.

Background: The Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center is credited with the development of vaccines against six of the 10 most common equine diseases. The Center's long and distinguished legacy in infectious disease research is currently limited by the lack of adequate facilities to study emerging equine diseases such as West Nile virus. Existing facilities do not meet federal requirement for such studies. The construction of an animal Biosafety Containment Facility will provide laboratory and stall space designed to contain some agents that pose minimal risk to human health.

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