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Office of the President
June 9, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Recommendation: that approval be given to the appointment of Brent Seales (faculty member) for a three-year term ending June 30, 2012 and the reappointment of F. Richard Kurzynske (public member) for a three-year term ending June 30, 2012 to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Research Foundation (UKRF).

Background: In accordance with the Bylaws, members of the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Research Foundation are appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms. The Nominating Committee of the UKRF Board has recommended and the UKRF Board of Directors has endorsed the appointment of Brent Seales and reappointment of F. Richard Kurzynske.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Brent Seales, Ph.D.

Dr. Seales is the Gill Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Director of UK's Interdisciplinary Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments. He received his Ph.D. in 1991 from the University of Wisconsin. He was a Postdoctoral Researcher at the French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control, Sophia-Antipolis, France before coming to the Computer Science Department at the University of Kentucky in 1991. His research program is focused on challenges involving digital imagery, which is at the center of fundamental and applied problems in surgical simulation and technology, immersive display systems, and the digitization and digital restoration of antiquities. He has received research funding from the National Science Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, and the US Army.

Dr. Seales has been an Associate Editor of *Machine Vision Applications* and is a member of the IEEE Computer Society, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the International Society for Optical Engineering. As the co-founder of two start-up companies in Lexington, his patents cover technology developed for applications in imaging and mobile computing.

In addition to teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, since 2004 he has supported 40 undergraduate students as media and communications interns through the *Media Experience for Undergrads* program, which he directs. These students document research at UK that has appeared on the Research Channel and KET. Each summer since 2001 Dr. Seales has also supervised a summer undergraduate research program in Computer Science for students from the University of Puerto Rico.

F. Richard Kurzynske

Mr. Kurzynske is the Director of Kentucky's Statewide EPSCoR Program which has been the channel for \$350 million in research funding to the Commonwealth's universities. He shares this position part-time with his other responsibilities as a principal member of Cyrus Partnership, LLC, and Brigadier Development, LLC, business investment groups. His background includes a decade in Chicago with a natural gas energy consortium that principally invested in research, development, and commercialization of energy related technologies. There he managed a \$60 million technology investment portfolio and guided the successful commercialization of multiple technologies.

Mr. Kurzynske moved to Lexington when he became an officer of the Mason & Hanger Corporation, a Forbes 500 Company, which prior to its sale, principally provided technical and manufacturing services to the Federal government. He has been responsible for two high-tech startup companies and is or has been an officer/board member of 10 companies. He has an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Business, and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (energy and environmental focus) from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.