

# FCR 10

Office of the President  
December 11, 2001

Members, Board of Trustees:

## PROFESSORSHIP NAME CHANGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve changing the name of the United States Surgical Professorship in Minimally Invasive Surgery to the Commonwealth Professorship of Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Background: The Board of Trustees accepted in December, 1998, a \$140,000 gift and a pledge of \$2,260,008 from United States Surgical Corporation of Norwalk, Connecticut, to establish a Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery in the College of Medicine's Department of Surgery and to establish two professorships in minimally invasive surgery. The two professorships were subsequently combined into one professorship to enable the Center to provide more income to recruit and retain talented faculty in this highly specialized area.

Initially, the professorship was named to honor United States Surgical, but the company has no desire to have the professorship named in its honor and has given permission to the University to give it a different name. The Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery requests that the professorship be called the Commonwealth Professorship of Minimally Invasive Surgery to recognize the state for its contribution of matching funds through the Research Challenge Trust Fund.

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