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Office of the President
December 11, 2001

Members, Board of Trustees:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNING REGULATIONS
TO ESTABLISH A STAFF SENATE

Recommendation: that the attached proposed amendment to the Governing Regulations of the University of Kentucky be received for preliminary consideration and, at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees provided at least one month has elapsed, be included on the agenda for action.

Background: These changes will establish the University of Kentucky Staff Senate. The staff of the University of Kentucky is responsible for providing support to all academic programs on campus. The University of Kentucky Staff Senate will provide lines of communication among all segments of the staff, as well as between staff, faculty, and students of the University. The Staff Senate shall also act as a mechanism to disseminate information to the staff and passing information from staff to other members of the University community. The Staff Senate shall be composed of elected, appointed, and ex-officio membership.

Action Taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY STAFF SENATE

The University of Kentucky Staff Senate shall be the official representative body of the staff of the University. It shall strive to open lines of communication among all segments of the staff, as well as between staff, faculty and students of the University. The Staff Senate shall also act as a mechanism to disseminate information to the staff, and pass information from staff to others members of the University Community.

The Staff Senate shall consist of no more than 175 Senators. Senators shall be regular, full-time staff elected from and by their respective areas in accordance with the By-Laws of the Staff Senate, unless they are At-Large Senators or ex-officio members appointed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Staff Senate. Each Senator shall have one vote. No absentee ballots or voting by proxy shall be permitted. Ex-officio shall be non-voting members of the Staff Senate. Every Senator shall have reasonable release time from work to perform Senatorial duties. The Staff Senate shall meet regularly as specified in the By-Laws of the Staff Senate.

The Staff Senate shall have officers and standing committees as specified in the By-Laws of the Staff Senate to facilitate the functioning of the Senate. Advisory committees will be created as specified in the By-Laws of the Staff Senate to provide advice to the President and the Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Staff Senate shall have no management or administrative functions either in itself or through the instrumentality of its committees. The Senate is authorized to develop rules for the conduct of its functions; copies of these rules will be furnished to the President and the Board of Trustees. The Staff Senate may address the President, or through the Staff Trustee, the Board of Trustees, regarding any matter affecting staff of the University.

The Staff Senate Development Task Force, an advisory group convened by the current Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees, shall conduct the elections of Senators as well as all other processes necessary to facilitate the election and seating of the Staff Senate. The Chair of the Task Force shall preside at the initial meetings of the Staff Senate until such time as the permanent officers elected.