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Office of the President  
December 9, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

AMEND THE STATUTE WHICH MANDATES  
WHEN THE BOARD SHALL MEET

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approves a legislative initiative to amend KRS 164.170 during the 2004 legislative session. The legislative amendment would authorize the Board of Trustees to meet at least quarterly each year rather than meeting on the specified times as currently provided in the statute.

Background: Currently KRS 164.170 mandates four specific times when the Board of Trustees shall meet: 1) on the Tuesday preceding the regular annual commencement, 2) on the third Tuesday in September, 3) on the Second Tuesday in December, and, 4) on the first Tuesday in April of each year. The Board has no discretion to change these meeting dates as the statute is currently written.

The proposed change eliminates the specific times the Board shall meet. The amended language mandates that the Board shall meet quarterly each year. This proposal mirrors the language currently in place for the Boards of Regents at the Regional Universities and for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The proposed legislative change does not change the fact that the Board can meet additional times throughout the year, it merely establishes that they must meet at least quarterly.

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

164.170 Meetings of board; quorum; expenses; public character

(1) The board of trustees of the university shall meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or by any three (3) members upon giving ten (10) days' written notice to each member of the board of trustees. The business to be transacted at special meetings shall be specified in the notice of the meeting. All meetings shall be held on the campus of the university unless otherwise specified by a majority vote of the board of trustees. A majority of the voting members of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum. All necessary expenses incurred by the trustees in going to, returning from and while attending meetings of the board of trustees shall be paid out of the funds of the university, except a member who resides outside the Commonwealth shall not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel.

(2) The meetings of the board of trustees shall be open to the public. The board of trustees shall cause a stenographic transcript of each of its meetings to be prepared and filed. An agenda for each of the meetings shall be sent to each member of the board of trustees and a copy made available to the press.

**Deleted:** on Tuesday preceding the regular annual commencement of the university, on the third Tuesday in September, on the second Tuesday in December, and on the first Tuesday in April of each year