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Office of the President  
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Members, Board of Trustees:

AMEND THE STATUTE WHICH MANDATES  
WHEN THE BOARD SHALL MEET  
AND HOW THE BOARD SHALL  
MAINTAIN THE RECORD OF THE BOARD MEETINGS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve 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. The amendment would also permit the Board to maintain an audio recording, rather than a stenographic transcript, of each meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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 statute also mandates that the Board shall maintain a stenographic transcript of each meeting.

The proposed legislation 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 legislation also permits the University to maintain an audio recording of the Board meetings. This amendment would eliminate the duty of the University to transcribe each Board meeting. All records relating to the Board of Trustees meetings are preserved, including the agenda; therefore, a stenographic transcript should not be necessary. The audio tape will be maintained with all the official Board records and would be available for review by any interested individual.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other   Tabled