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Office of the President
October 26, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDICS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Department of Orthopedics by separating the current Division of Orthopedics from the Department of Surgery, effective November 1.

Background: Earlier this year the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs (EVPHA) appointed an ad hoc committee to examine the status of the Division of Orthopedics. The committee recommended to EVPHA and Dean of the College of Medicine the following: (1) the development of subspecialties in orthopedics would be a productive strategy to expand the clinical operation at UK and provide needed service to an aging population; (2) recruiting more faculty in orthopedics, ideally at the middle level or senior level with national reputations in critical areas such as joint replacement, is essential; (3) orthopedics at the University of Kentucky will best reach its clinical and scholarly potential if granted departmental status; and (4) the department should be the cornerstone of development of a musculoskeletal center of excellence.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department and the Academic Council for the Medical Center; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and recommended by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____