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Office of the President
October 25, 2005

Members, Board of Trustees:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE JOHN R. GAINES ENDOWED CHAIR IN THE HUMANITIES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$100,000 from Joan B. Gaines of Lexington, Kentucky; a gift of \$23,113 and a pledge of \$76,887 from John R. and Donna S. Hall of Lexington, Kentucky; and a \$5,000 gift and \$25,000 pledge from William W. Freehling of Lexington, Kentucky, to create and endow the John R. Gaines Endowed Chair in the Humanities in the Gaines Center for the Humanities and submit these gifts and pledges of \$230,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: Mrs. Gaines wishes to create this Endowed Chair in the Humanities to honor the memory of her husband, John R. Gaines, who died in February 2005. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines gave the founding gift to create the Gaines Center for the Humanities in 1984 and have been active participants in the life of the Center. Mrs. Gaines continues to serve as a member of the Gaines Center advisory board. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are longtime supporters of the University. Donna Hall is the current chair of the Gaines Center advisory board and chair of the capital campaign for the Center. William Freehling, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, is a member of the Gaines Center advisory board.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____