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Office of the President  
September 20, 2005

Members, Board of Trustees:

## NAMING OF BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve renaming the Public Service Commission Building the “Robert Straus Behavioral Research Building.”

Background: The Public Service Commission Building, located at 515 Oldham Court, is currently being renovated to provide space for externally funded and other behavioral science research, on a variety of medically related conditions, as well as for alcohol and drug research. The proposal to rename the building is grounded in the longstanding association Robert Straus has had with the University of Kentucky and the advancement of knowledge and science he fostered through out his career as a UK teacher and researcher.

Robert Straus, Professor Emeritus, came to Lexington in 1956 as a member of the planning staff for the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He served as the first Coordinator of Academic Affairs for the College of Medicine and for 28 years as Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine. In addition to Dr. Straus’s service, scholarship, and research, he has trained generations of behavioral scientists and physicians at the University of Kentucky.

The Committee on Naming University Buildings has reviewed the request and found it to be in compliance with university policy AR II-1.1-6 and unanimously recommended approval of this name change. The Interim Provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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