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Office of the President
September 21, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE
TRACY FARMER CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment from the Executive Vice President for Research to the Dean, College of Agriculture, effective October 1, 2004.

Background: The Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment was created in August 2000 as a result of a \$2 million gift by Carol and Tracy Farmer. The mission of the Tracy Farmer Center is to serve as the University of Kentucky's focal interdisciplinary center for the comprehensive integration of research, education, and public service dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of environmental systems; analysis and management of environmental problems and issues; development of sustainable technologies and solutions to these environmental problems and issues; and successful transfer and dissemination of the technologies and solutions to state, federal, and local governments, private organizations, business, and corporations and individuals.

With the administrative reorganization of the University and the College of Agriculture's increasing emphasis on natural resource and environmental issues, the Center can be strengthened by being administratively reassigned. The administrative reassignment is endorsed by the donor, faculty, and administrators participating in the Center. The Provost supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____