

# FCR 10

Office of the President  
May 4, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

## SUTHERLAND FOUNDATION PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$250,000 from the Sutherland Foundation of Goshen, Kentucky, to establish and endow the Sutherland Visiting Professorship in Landscape Design in the College of Design.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: The Sutherland Foundation is a private foundation supported by Ms. Laura Lee Brown, her husband Steve Wilson, and her children and stepchildren. Ms. Brown is a third-generation descendent of George Garvin Brown, who founded Brown-Forman. Ms. Brown and Mr. Wilson are active in civic, arts, and land-use causes in Louisville and Oldham County, serving on the boards and committees of the Speed Art Museum, the Kentucky Center for the Arts, Yew Dell Gardens, and the Bernheim Research Forest and Arboretum. Though widely known for their arts support, Ms. Brown and Mr. Wilson are equally committed to environmental and land-preservation causes. They operate a large bison farm near Goshen and spearhead a land-use group called Oldham Ahead.

This gift will advance research and education in urban design and land-use planning and be a resource for practicing architects, landscape architects, urban planners, and city and county officials throughout Kentucky. The \$250,000 pledge will be paid over five years beginning in 2004, in increments of \$25,000, \$50,000, \$50,000, \$50,000 and \$75,000. A condition of this pledge is that it be matched by the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

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