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Office of the President  
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Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE GRADUATE CENTER FOR NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences from the Graduate School to the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2007.

Background: The Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences was officially established by the Board of Trustees in April 2000 as a multidisciplinary, degree-granting graduate center to augment the University of Kentucky's research and graduate education missions in the area of nutrition. While continuing to foster research and graduate training in all aspects of nutritional sciences, research within the center combats nutritionally relevant problems facing the constituents of the Commonwealth in the areas of obesity and the related diseases of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences seeks to preserve and expand its collaboration with units in the College of Medicine, including the Clinical Enterprise. The close alignment of research interests between core faculty in the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences and basic and clinical researchers in the College of Medicine is a primary rationale for locating the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences in the College of Medicine.

Part of the charge to the Futures Task Force was to make recommendations concerning the administrative reporting relationships for the graduate program centers reporting to the Dean of the Graduate School. In 2002 the task force responded to this charge and recommended assignment of the administrative responsibility of the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences to the College of Medicine.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure, the Senate Council, and the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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