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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ADOPTION OF UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees adopt the University of Kentucky Hazard Mitigation Plan as a guideline for identifying and implementing measures that can be taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life, property, and research from natural disasters.

Background: In August 2006, the University received a federal grant through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to develop a comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This document describes elements necessary to creating a risk assessment and vulnerability analysis for the University. The Plan mirrors similar efforts in state and local hazards planning. Plan development has been a collaborative effort involving the UK Office of Emergency Management, the UK HMP Steering Committee (comprised of University stakeholders throughout the campus community), state and local agencies, and the University of Louisville Center for Hazards Research and Policy Development (a highly active research unit performing theoretical and applied hazards research projects at the local, regional, and national level).

This Plan provides a blueprint for hazard mitigation activities and is structured to serve as a basis for specific hazard mitigation efforts for any disaster. It is recognized, however, that updates may be required to address specific issues arising from a given disaster.

The Plan identifies 13 natural hazards that could affect the University and cause physical and financial losses.

Dam Failure
Drought
Earthquake
Extreme Heat
Flood
Hailstorm
Karst/sinkhole

Mine Subsidence
Landslide
Severe Storm
Severe Winter Storm
Tornado
Wildfire

The Plan also identifies 35 mitigation strategies for implementation. The University will qualify for federal project grant funding to to implement these strategies pending adoption of the Plan by the Board of Trustees.

The draft plan has been reviewed and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Note: The draft plan can be viewed at www.uky.edu/EM/files/hazard_mitigation.pdf

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____