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Office of the President
September 15, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATION OF EQUINE BARN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the renovation of two equine barns.

Background: At its June 9, 2009 meeting, the Board of Trustees accepted a pledge of \$600,000 from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association for the construction of two equine reproduction research laboratories at the Maine Chance Equine Education and Research Campus. This pledge has been submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education for matching funds from the Research Capital Match Program.

This capital project includes renovation of an existing barn to house the Maxwell H. Gluck Center's Equine Mare Reproductive Biology Program and renovation of another existing barn to create a Stallion Research Facility. The facilities will house wet laboratories, animal holding stalls, breeding areas, graduate student workspace, and meeting rooms. These state-of-the-art equine reproduction facilities will enable the Gluck Equine Center to conduct research on a variety of fertility problems in mares and stallions which will benefit breeders and owners in the Commonwealth. It also will help safeguard Kentucky's multi-billion dollar horse industry. The scope of the project is \$1.2 million, well within the \$10 million authorized by the 2008 Kentucky General Assembly for the Construct Equine Campus project, and will be funded with pledges, state matching funds, and available unrestricted fund balances.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____