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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ALVIN E. EVANS LAW LIBRARY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Alvin E. Evans Law Library from UK Libraries to the College of Law, effective July 1, 2010.

Background: In the past, the Alvin E. Evans Law Library has been administered as part of the UK Libraries. Under this structure, the Dean of the College of Law, the Director of Law Library, and the law faculty have been responsible for the determination of basic law library polices related to meeting the reference, instructional, research, and service needs of the College of Law faculty, staff, and students.

For several years, the College of Law and UK Libraries have discussed the advisability of transferring the faculty and operations of the Law Library to be housed entirely within the College of Law. Only six out of 200 United States law schools have an administrative structure for law library operations similar to the University of Kentucky's (UK) current structure. This structure has raised concerns for UK's American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation process in the past because of the ABA's requirement of autonomy.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____