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Office of the President
March 9, 2010

Members, Board of Trustees:

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve awarding the degree of Honorary Doctor of Letters to Judith Clabes, Honorary Doctor of Arts to Daniel Libeskind, and Honorary Doctor of Science to Robert Straus, as approved and recommended by the University Faculty.

Background: Pursuant to the Conditions of Merit for Honorary Degrees, the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees has recommended to the elected Faculty Senators that the specified honorary degree be awarded to Judith Clabes, Daniel Libeskind, and Robert Straus. The elected Faculty Senators have approved the recommendation.

Biographical sketches of the recipients are attached.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Judith Clabes
Honorary Doctor of Letters

Judith Clabes grew up in Henderson, Kentucky and graduated from UK in 1967 with a BA in English and Journalism. She is a pioneer among women in journalism. For thirteen years, she was the editor of the *Kentucky Post* and was the first woman to serve in that position. Her work resulted in an award-winning newspaper, including a prestigious National Journalism Award for defense of the First Amendment. In 1996, she became the CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation where she has continued the Foundation's tradition of promoting the First Amendment, supporting journalism education, and fostering diversity in the media. Ms. Clabes also helped create UK's First Amendment Center and is a member of the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumna and the UK Journalism Hall of Fame. For these reasons, Judith Clabes is recommended as a recipient of the 2010 Honorary Doctor of Letters.

Daniel Libeskind
Honorary Doctor of Arts

Daniel Libeskind is one of the most prolific and accomplished architects practicing today. He began his teaching career at UK and was an Assistant Professor in the UK Department of Architecture from 1973 – 1975. In 2008, he completed a residential tower in Covington, Kentucky, the Ascent at Roebling Bridge, which received an award for the best high-rise development. In 2004, he was appointed the first Cultural Ambassador for Architecture by the U.S. Department of State and was the winner of the master plan competition for the area formerly occupied by the World Trade Center Towers in New York City. He also has numerous international awards and commissions. He designed the Jewish Museum in Berlin and the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester, England. Mr. Libeskind has received numerous honors for his work: The American Academic of Arts and Letters Award for Architecture, the German Architecture Prize and the Hiroshima Art Prize. He was also made an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Arts in London, England. For these reasons, Daniel Libeskind is recommended as a recipient of the 2010 Honorary Doctor of Arts.

Robert Straus
Honorary Doctor of Science

Dr. Robert Straus, Professor Emeritus, came to UK in 1956 as a member of the planning staff for the UK Medical Center and has made decades of contributions to this institution. He served as the first coordinator of academic affairs for the Medical Center and as the chair of the Department of Behavioral Science for 28 years. In addition to his service, scholarship, and research, Dr. Straus has trained generations of behavioral scientists and physicians. In 1975, he was elected as a member of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences for his ground-breaking studies of alcoholism. In 1988, he received the Leo Reeder award from the American Sociological Association, the highest recognition for the discipline of medical sociology. He also received a lifetime achievement award from the American Public Health Association in 1993. For these reasons, Dr. Straus is recommended as a recipient of the 2010 Honorary Doctor of Science.