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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GRANT COMMITMENT FROM
THE GARVER BLACK HILYARD FAMILY FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT
THE STANLEY AND KAREN PIGMAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable grant commitment totaling \$4,050,000 from the Garver Black Hilyard Family Foundation to support and enhance the “Garver Endowed Scholarship Fund” in the Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering.

Background: Born in Central Kentucky, C. Michael Garver graduated from Ashland High School in 1955. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1961. After graduation, Mr. Garver began his career with Union Carbide and the E.L. Lester Company. In 1972, he teamed up with business associates and founded a new construction company, BRH, Inc. By 1981, Garver solely owned the company, changing the name to BRH-Garver, Inc. As a civil construction contractor, the company specializes in underground construction, tunneling, treatment plants and concrete construction. BRH-Garver and Mr. Garver are the pioneers in the technique of microtunneling and the development of trenchless technology in North America. BRH-Garver, Inc., with offices in Houston, Texas and San Diego, California, is a \$55 million per year construction company with 180 employees. Mr. Garver was inducted into the UK College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 1999.

In 2013, Mr. Garver partnered with Mr. Trammel Crow of Dallas to form Texans for Clean Water, Inc. whose goal was to organize a statewide group of business leaders and local government jurisdictions through a common initiative to restore the viability of waterways to improve neighborhoods, bring recreational opportunities to communities and encourage economic growth. He is a well-known and tireless champion with the Texas State Legislature and other state environmental agencies for promoting a state-wide plastic beverage bottle refund program to help keep this major source of plastic from entering the environment as pollution. His family foundation, the Garver Black Hilyard Family Foundation, is dedicated to the promotion and protection of clean, green, natural spaces. The Foundation’s areas of focus are litter prevention research, educational scholarships, as well as beautification of parks, trails, waterways and gardens.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____