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Office of the President
February 21, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE GIFT COMMITMENT FROM EUGENE A. HESSEL, II AND SANDRA K. HAIGLER TO BENEFIT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable gift commitment totaling \$1,000,000 from Eugene A. Hessel, II and Sandra K. Haigler to establish and support an endowed distinguished professorship fund named the “Dr. Eugene A. Hessel, II Distinguished Professorship for Education in Anesthesiology” in the College of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, Critical Care and Pain Medicine.

Background: Eugene A. Hessel, II, MD, serves as Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Dr. Hessel completed his medical education at the University of California School of Medicine. After medical school, he completed a rotating internship at King County Hospital and a seven-year surgery residency at the University of Washington, during which he also completed a postdoctoral Research Fellowship with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). After 15 years as a cardiac surgeon at the University of Washington, Dr. Hessel completed his anesthesiology residency, and then a cardiothoracic anesthesiology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

Sandra K. Haigler, a 1980 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, is a board-certified Anesthesiologist practicing in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Haigler’s education and training include residencies in anesthesiology at the University of Washington and the Cleveland Clinic.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____