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Office of the President
December 13, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF UNIVERSITY BUILDING:
BIOLOGICAL-PHARMACEUTICAL BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the official renaming of the Biological-Pharmaceutical Building, located at 789 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky, the “Lee T. Todd, Jr. Building” in honor of the University of Kentucky’s eleventh president.

Background: A native of Earlington, Kentucky., Dr. Lee T. Todd, Jr. earned his bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Kentucky, and his master’s and doctoral degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He was awarded six patents while at MIT, and over his career as an entrepreneur and inventor, launched and sold two companies: Projectron and DataBeam.

Dr. Todd served as the University of Kentucky’s eleventh president from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2011. His decade-long tenure was marked by profound growth in UK’s health care and research enterprise. It was his belief that “the campus of the University of Kentucky is the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” and his priorities in addressing the Commonwealth’s chronic health maladies (which he called “the Kentucky Ugliers”), were integral to UK’s pursuit of becoming a “Top 20” research university.

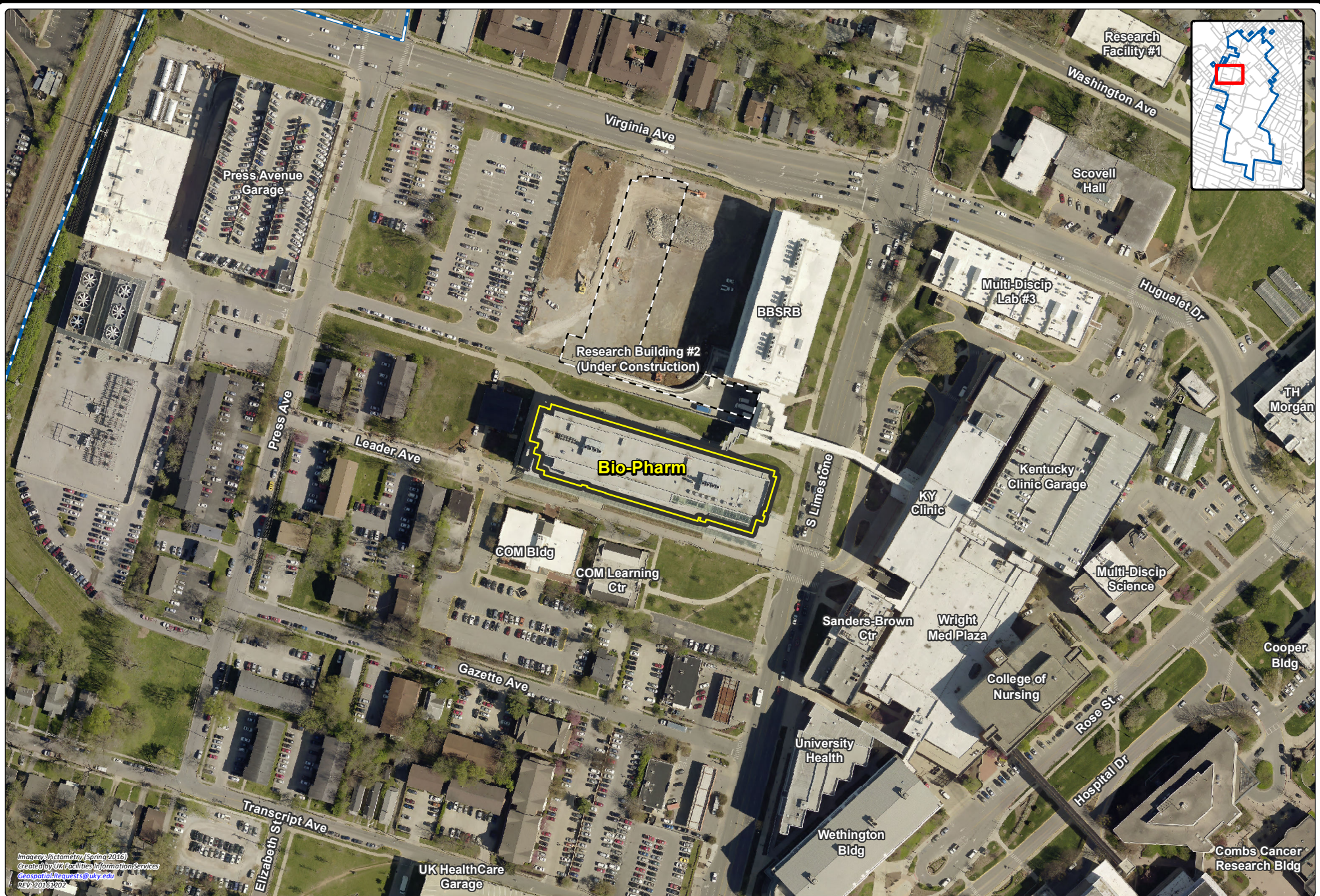
Dr. Todd traveled the Commonwealth extensively to meet with elected officials and alumni to garner support for a new pharmacy building. UK received the first phase of funding in 2004 when very few capital projects were being funded. Dr. Todd continued his push for the building in the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly, resulting in a second phase appropriation.

In January 2010, Dr. Todd’s last year in office, the first three floors in the facility opened as the home of the College of Pharmacy. Pharmacy education facilities, including teaching labs and two lecture halls, as well as faculty offices and pharmaceutical science laboratories were completed. The fourth and fifth floors of the building were initially shelled during the first phase of construction. Dedicated in November 2011, these two floors provide UK with 84,000 gross square feet of research and research office space for faculty and staff from the College Pharmacy and the Markey Cancer Center.

With 286,000 total square feet, the total cost of the project was \$160,000,000, with \$120,000,000 appropriated by the Kentucky General Assembly and \$40,000,000 funded by the University.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed the request and found it to be in compliance with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation. The President supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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