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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the individuals on the attached Exhibit I as University Research Professors for 2017-18.

Background: The University Research Professorships were established by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees in 1976 to recognize outstanding research achievements by members of its faculty.

The 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Research has an overall objective to expand scholarship, creative endeavors, and research across the full range of disciplines to focus on the most important challenges of the Commonwealth. Strategic Initiatives to achieve this overall objective include investing in and recognizing areas of scholarly excellence, and recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty, staff, and students.

To align with the overall objective for Research within the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, the revised University Research Professors Program recognizes excellence across the full spectrum of research, scholarship, and creative endeavors within each college. College leadership developed criteria for excellence in research and scholarly activity within their area of expertise, and then nominated faculty who excelled at these criteria. The purpose of the revised University Research Professorship program is to recognize and publicize research accomplishments of these scholars across the full range of disciplines at the University of Kentucky.

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Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Exhibit I

<u>Name</u>	<u>College and Department</u>
Ole Wendroth	College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Plant and Soil Sciences
Ramesh S. Bhatt	College of Arts and Sciences Psychology
Abigail Firey	College of Arts and Sciences History
J. David Johnson	College of Communication and Information Communication
Gregory A. Luhan	College of Design School of Architecture
Lisa A. Ruble	College of Education Educational, School and Counseling Psychology
I. S. Jawahir	College of Engineering Mechanical Engineering
Ebony G. Patterson	College of Fine Arts School of Art and Visual Studies
David M. Hardesty	Gatton College of Business and Economics Marketing and Supply Chain
Charlotte A. Peterson	College of Health Sciences Rehabilitation Sciences
Melynda J. Price	College of Law
Bradley K. Taylor	College of Medicine Physiology
Matthew S. Gentry	College of Medicine Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry
Terry A. Lennie	College of Nursing
Jeffery C. Talbert	College of Pharmacy Pharmacy Practice and Science

Glen P. Mays

College of Public Health
Health Management and Policy