

University of Kentucky Research Foundation Board Meeting
Monday, April 30, 2007
203 Student Center

Talking Points:

Administration Reorganization

- There has been a lot happening on campus since the last time we met. One thing I wanted to discuss with each of you is our administrative reorganization of UK Research, which was passed by the Board of Trustees at the October Board meeting. There is a copy of Board document from that meeting in your packet today.
 - Even though the reorganization took place following Wendy Baldwin's decision to take a position at the Population Council in New York, it was something that I had been thinking about for quite some time. When we moved from the Chancellor model to the Provost model a few years ago, I initially thought about placing research under the Provost. However, I did not feel we were prepared for UK Research to report to the Provost right away. Obviously, changing to the Provost model was a major one for UK. I felt like we needed to work the kinks out of that system before we incorporated UK research into the Provost model.
 - With Wendy's departure, we had a new opportunity to look at our management structure and decided to place the research arm of the organization under Provost Subbaswamy.
 - We are currently conducting a search for the Vice President of Research and will be making a decision over the next several weeks. That new Vice President will start on July 1.
 - At the same time, I also wanted to invest more resources into economic development. We created the Office of Economic Development, which is being led by Len Heller.
 - Len has the broad-based background – as a faculty member and administrator, as a government official and as a successful private businessman – to make the linkages and plot the strategies we need to be successful in this critical endeavor.
 - That office will be focused on technology transfer, business creation and incubation, and economic development.

Top 20 Progress

- The other thing I wanted to talk about is our progress toward our Top 20 goal. Many of you probably saw that we recently announced we have surpassed our billion dollar goal in our capital campaign. We have now bought in one billion and 22 million dollars.
- The Campaign was quite an achievement on a number of levels.
 - Our campaign generated more than 122,000 donors who have given a total of nearly 640,000 gifts.
 - The support for this university came from all corners – from 56,000 UK alumni and 45,000 non-alumni. From 8,600 corporations and 2,200 organizations. From parents of students and students themselves.
- One of the areas that has benefited most by the capital campaign is UK research, thanks to the Bucks for Brains program. Bucks for Brains has been a winner for higher education in Kentucky.
- The state provided UK with the opportunity to match \$208 million in private gifts. We received some 27,000 gifts and pledges from more than 11,500 donors that have enabled us to change the face of education in Kentucky. Those donors helped:
 - Create 85 endowed chairs, 190 endowed professorships; and 280 fellowships, scholarships, and endowments for research support
 - Hire 57 new faculty in 11 programs designated for strategic investment
 - Support 771 graduate research fellows and research assistants
 - Award 243 graduate students a full-tuition fellowship and \$15,000 stipend, and fund student health insurance
 - Award 1,681 research assistants a full-tuition assistantship
 - And provide summer research experience to 123 UK undergraduates.
- One thing we often talk about around this university is what we are going to look like when we become a Top 20 university. We don't spend enough time talking about some of the things we are doing today that are helping us build a national reputation.

- We are among the nation's leaders in developing quality undergraduate researchers. Our students recently competed in NCUR – the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.
 - We had 16 research papers accepted. The University of Michigan, one of the nation's largest universities and one of the best in undergraduate research, only had 20. Cal-Berkley had 13 papers accepted; University of Texas at Austin had 12.
- Other accomplishments:
 - Gone from under \$200 million in our endowment to over \$830 million
 - Gone from under \$100 million in research grants and contracts annually to about \$300 million last year
 - In just three years, under the leadership of Mike Karpf, our medical enterprise has surged. Gone from a \$330 million budget to a \$586 million budget. Dr. Karpf tells me that number will be over \$600 million this.
 - That's why we are able to build a new \$450 million hospital.
 - You can see the momentum in our enrollment. UK admitted the largest and most diverse class in UK history this fall.
 - We had nearly 4,200 first-year students. That number wasn't the result of us accepting more students. More students chose UK!
 - 296 African-American students, up 96% from last year; 57 Hispanic students, up 54% from last year
 - 354 Governor's Scholars and Governor's School for the Arts students, shattering our previous record of 318
 - We are in the midst of hiring 54 new professors on our main campus this year; about 100 total faculty members across the university
 - We are hiring those faculty members from some of the nation's top schools.
 - Harvard, Yale, Duke, Cornell, Penn, Johns Hopkins, Washington University in St. Louis, Emory University, Michigan, North Carolina, UC-Davis, Wisconsin, Penn State

- Many of our programs are among the best in the nation. The following programs are either in the Top 20 or Top Quartile. We had 10 Top 20 programs in 2001-02; now we have 14.
- Anatomy, Behavioral Science, Biochemistry, Geography, Microbiology, Nursing, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Physiology, Public Administration, Public Finance, Spanish , Toxicology
- Solucient recently named **UK Chandler Hospital one of the Top 100** in the nation.
 - We were one of only 15 academic medical centers to be named; and one of only 7 public academic medical centers. We are competing with the likes of top public institutions like the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin, as well as top private hospitals like Vanderbilt, Brigham and Women's and Beth Israel in Boston, etc.
- UK was ranked in the **Top 20 in faculty scholarly activity** by the Chronicle on Higher Education. We were tied at 19 with the University of California at Davis.
 - Two UK doctoral programs – Plant Pathology and Hispanic Studies – were ranked #1 among programs at large research universities. A total of seven UK programs ranked in the top 10 in their respective areas.
- The **Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce** was recently named a "Top 20 Masters Programs in International Affairs" by Foreign Policy magazine.
- Our **Cardiovascular Research Center is ranked 18th** for American Heart Association funding, which places us just behind Johns Hopkins. We are ahead of prestigious institutions like the Cleveland Clinic and the University of Michigan.