Dear Faculty Colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your vote for re-election to the Board of Trustees. The past three years have been an amazing journey as we worked very hard to keep the university on an upward trajectory in the midst of a difficult economy and no faculty raises for the past three years. I am happy to report that while there were no salary increases, there were also no major lay-offs or furloughs during this time. You have been very resilient and focused as you worked to continue in your mission to train the next generation of young minds at this university.

Why seek a second term?

I seek a second term as I feel that I have the institutional knowledge to assist the new president in understanding the university and the knowledge to help the new president make that all-important transition quickly to the university and Commonwealth of Kentucky environment.

I seek a second term because I want to continue to forge relationships between faculty and the Board of Trustees. We should not be antagonists. We should be each other’s advocates, working together for the betterment of the university, the student population and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

We must advance the culture and nature of our relationship with each other if we are to succeed at this university. We can find ways to work with each other in a spirit of support, trust and consideration for what’s best for the students and Commonwealth whom we are entrusted to serve. You will see me working face-to-face with faculty and administrators working out solutions to the most complex of problems.

I give you my word that I will work in a positive manner to seek positive change for you, for the university and for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

My activities have not been just limited to the University of Kentucky. I have worked in my position to foster relationships throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky – From serving on the Top 20 Steering Committee, to serving as the Executive Producer of the Opening Ceremonies of the Alltech FEI 2010 World Equestrian Games, to serving on several boards which advance the needs of the University and the Commonwealth. I was also asked to serve on the search committee for the next President of the University of Kentucky by Board Chair Britt Brockman which in effect gave the selection committee a third faculty representative on the committee. I am actively involved with in many areas of the university and Lexington community life including serving on the board of the Lyric Theatre and the Mayor’s Arena, Arts and Entertainment District Task Force.

I am honest, I am collaborative, I am a positive spirit, I will work hard to seek POSITIVE solutions to the challenges that we face. I am inclusive and will work hard to seek the best solutions possible for our faculty, our students, our university and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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