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Office of the President
December 15, 2020

Members, Board of Trustees:

PLEDGE FROM THE SAHA FOUNDATION AND NAMING OF THE SAHA AORTIC CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$1,000,000 from The Saha Foundation to establish and support a new endowed fund named the “Saha Aortic Center Fund” in the College of Medicine and approve the naming of an associated administrative research space within the university’s Biomedical Biological Science Research Building and Kentucky Clinic Building. The Saha Foundation’s initial gift of \$100,000 will be made in December 2020.

Background: Dr. Sibiu P. Saha and Rebecca ‘Becky’ Saha share a life-long passion for philanthropy and a commitment to education, research and clinical care, especially in the area of cardiovascular health. Dr. Saha is a professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery in the College of Medicine. Becky Saha is a past president of Friends of the Arboretum at the university. In 2010, the Sahas established the “Saha Cardiovascular Research Center Fund” to support the Cardiovascular Research Center at the university. In recognition of their gift, the cardiovascular research center was renamed the “Dr. Sibiu and Becky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center.”

This new pledge will enhance and expand the strength of the College of Medicine by creating a research fund dedicated to fostering collaboration and engagement among research and clinical leaders to ensure translation of aortic research into clinical areas, and assisting in the educational mission of students and trainees in the College of Medicine.

Including this new pledge, the Sahas’ philanthropic impact on the university exceeds \$2,800,000.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____