

Office of the President  
December 5, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

## NAMING OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the new Health Education Building as the “Michael D Rankin MD Health Education Building”.

Background: On June 23, 2023, the UK Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the construction phase of the Health Education Building. A groundbreaking for the project was held on October 27, 2023.

The Board of Trustees has accepted a gift commitment of \$22,000,000 from Michael D. Rankin, M.D. to support the construction of the Health Education Building and scholarships in the College of Medicine.

Michael D. Rankin, M.D., of Danville, Kentucky received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the university in 1971, his medical degree from the university’s College of Medicine in 1980 and completed his residency in Family Medicine in 1983. Dr. Rankin pursued a highly successful practice in primary care and family medicine in Atlanta, Georgia before retiring and returning to Danville, Kentucky. Dr. Rankin has made a significant impact upon the College of Medicine both through his philanthropy and through his service as a member of the UK Medical Alumni Association, past president of the UK Medical Alumni Association and associated Board, chair of the Dean's Advisory Council, volunteer faculty in the UK Department of Family and Community Medicine, and many years of service on the College of Medicine scholarship and admissions committees. Including this gift, his total giving to the university exceeds \$23.5M.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed this request and found it to comply with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation.

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Action taken:  Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Eli Capilouto  
President

**CC:** Advisory Committee on Naming  
University Property

**FROM:** Tom Harris, Chair  
Advisory Committee on Naming University Property

**DATE:** November 10, 2023

**RE:** Recommendation to name the Health Education Building

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has approved the following recommendation to name a university property.

The committee approved a recommendation from Jake Lemon, VP for Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement to name the new Health Education Building as the “**Michael D Rankin MD Health Education Building**”. His letter is below.

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This request meets all the guidelines and policies for naming university property. The committee respectfully asks that you forward the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.



## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Tom Harris, Advisory Committee on Naming University Property  
From: Jake Lemon, VP for Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement  
Date: November 8, 2023  
Re: Naming of the Health Education Building

I am writing to recommend the naming of the new Health Education Building as the "Michael D Rankin MD Health Education Building".

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In honor of Mr. Rankin's financial and volunteer support to the University, please accept this request to name the new Health Education Building as the "**Michael D Rankin MD Health Education Building**".