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The McKnight Brain Research Foundation c/o Ms. Melanie Cianciotto
Vice President for Foundations and Endowments
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Dear Ms. Cianciotto,

The purpose of this letter is to summarize a conference call that was held on Friday, May 15, 2015, with Trustees Lee Dockery and Gene Ryerson of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) and Selwyn Vickers, Senior Vice President and Dean of the School of Medicine, David Sweatt, McKnight Endowed Chair; Shirley Salloway Kahn, Senior Vice President for Development, Alumni and External Relations, and Tom Brannan, Associate Vice President for Development at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). This call was scheduled in response to a request from Dr. Dockery to answer questions from the Foundation concerning clarification of the letter to you dated, April 1, 2015. Specifically, the questions related to unfilled chairs and the overall direction of the McKnight Institute at UAB. Dr. Vickers and Dr. Sweatt confirmed that there has been no change in direction for the Institute and that the Institute will continue to have a translational/clinical focus. It was also confirmed that both of the new recruitments for the Institute will be focused on translational medicine.

There was also discussion regarding the three areas to which these recruits may be assigned, and it was confirmed that the chair holders will have a dual appointment in Psychiatry and either Neurology or Neurobiology. This structure will allow UAB to expand the areas involved to appeal to a broader candidate pool. As discussed, a search firm has been hired, and a search committee is in place. A list of members of the search committee is included for your information. As discussed with Drs. Dockery and Ryerson, three of these individuals are in the Department of Neurology and all are either members of or are affiliated with the McKnight Institute.

Once the top two candidates have been identified through this search, UAB will work enthusiastically to successfully recruit them and to notify the Foundation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain grateful for the McKnight Foundation's continuing and ongoing support of UAB.

Kind regards,

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