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Tom Brannan.
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Dear Mr. Brannan,

The trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) reviewed the 2017 annual report of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (EMBI) at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) at their February 20, 2018 meeting. The trustees are pleased that the leadership at UAB moved quickly to identify Dr. Ronal Lazar as the worthy replacement for Dr. Sweatt as the Director of the EMBI and the occupant of the Evelyn F. McKnight Chair in Learning and Memory in Aging.

The trustees also value the leadership of Dr. David Standaert, the John N. Whitaker Professor and Endowed Chair of the Department of Neurology, as co-chair of the search committee and the Interim Director of the EMBI concluding a successful the search process.

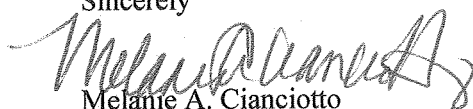
Even though Dr. Lazar has occupied his positions since June 1, 2017, the trustees had the pleasure of receiving a visit from him at the trustees meeting in November 2018 where he shared his vision for further developing the research programs in cognitive aging and age-related memory loss at the UAB.

The trustees wish to emphasize the importance of the support from the MBRF for clinical translational research in leading to the understanding and alleviation of age related memory loss. It is noted by the trustees that with Dr. Erik Roberson' role as the Charles A. Collat Endowed Professor in Neuroscience, Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Center, and Co-Director of the EMBI and the Center for Neurogenerative and Experimental Therapeutics, he along with others are poised to produce more robust initiatives in clinical Translational research at the UAB. The trustees also observe Dr. Virginia Bradley in her work for the Center for Translational Research on Aging and Mobility is engaged in collaboration with a program by the name of CARDIA. The trustees are unfamiliar with the acronym and would like to hear more about this program.

The trustees are pleased to hear that Dr. Adrienne Lahti has been recruited to occupy the Kinney Endowed Chair in Geriatric Psychiatry with the hope the search for a worthy individual to occupy the Geropsychiatry Research Endowed Chair will be successfully concluded in the near future. The trustees would like to receive some information on how these two positions will be integrated into the overall research initiatives within the EMBI at the UAB.

The trustees extended their collective appreciation to you and the leadership of the UAB for your efforts to preserve and maintain our valuable research partnership and look forward to visiting the UAB campus again at the 10th Inter-Institutional Meeting hosted by the EMBI at the UAB, April 4-6, 2018.

Sincerely


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