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Dear Drs. Guzick, Good and Perri,

At their February 2018, meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF), the trustees reviewed the 2017 Annual Report submitted by the University of Florida (UF) on the Age-Related Memory Loss (ARML) program and the Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research Program (CAM-CTRP). The trustees also reviewed the 2017 Annual Reports on the McKnight Research Grant Program, the two McKnight Endowed Chairs, the William G. Luttge Lectureship and the UF Foundation (UFF) Endowment and Investment Report.

During the 2017 year, the research programs supported by the MBRF have undergone tremendous change involving the reorganization and relocation of the CAM-CTRP and the installation of new leadership of the McKnight Brain Institute (MBI). The trustees were pleased to note, during their site visit in July 2017, the successful relocation and operation of the Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research Center (CAM Center) into the MBI. The Annual Report confirms the benefit of the relocation and the expanding research productivity within the CAM-Center. The operational framework of the CAM Center outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is beneficial. The trustees toured the research laboratories during the July 2017 visit and are pleased to observe the research productivity of the research scientists associated with the ARML program chronicled in the 2017 annual report.

The trustees are disappointed the status of the recruitment of clinical research scientist was not discussed in the report from the CAM-CTRP. In personal contact with Dr. Ron Cohen, a supplemental report was requested for consideration at the next trustees' meeting April 4, 2018, outlining the current status of the recruitment effort and plans for potential collaboration with clinical departments within the UF. The clinical translational research remains underdeveloped and could be enhanced by the participation of clinical research scientists either by recruitment, collaborations within the institution or between the McKnight Brain Institutes and beyond.

In review of the endowment reports, the trustees observed an error on page 69 of the report. The title of the fund is the same as the one listed on page 68, but with different account numbers. The title of the fund on page 69 should be "Cognitive Aging and Memory Research Fund". The MBRF has been unsuccessful in efforts with the UFF in making this change.

The trustees express their collective appreciation for your support and efforts to continue to advance the research initiatives supported by the MBRF to advance the understanding and alleviation of age related memory loss.

Sincerely,

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