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Dear Dr. Golde, Dr. DeKosky, and Dr. Lewis,

At the February 2021 meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF), the trustees reviewed the 2020 annual report submitted by the Evelyn F. & William L. McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) at the University of Florida (UF). The scope, depth, and impact of the research and educational activities are to be commended, especially given the challenges that the past year presented.

The 2020 annual report provided a comprehensive summary and description of the MBI's many achievements. The trustees applaud the successful integration of the Age-Related Memory Loss (ARML) program and the Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research program (CAM-CTRP) into a unified Center for Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research (CAM Center). The information provided in the report by Drs. Bizon and Cohen reflects many achievements in the past year, including the attractive and informative new MBI website; the impressive number of trainees, and three junior faculty neurologists; and an update on the William G. Luttge Lecture Series. The organization of information under the six primary objectives for the CAM Center was very helpful. We look forward to hearing more about the Five-Year Strategic Plan currently being developed.

The annual report describes a tremendous number of ongoing research projects including clinical/translational programs, with numerous collaborations within UF; with the other MBIs, and with research institutions outside of the MBIs, in addition to an impressive list of publications. The highlighting of the McKnight-funded CAM Center faculty and the outlining of the especially noteworthy publications were appreciated.

While, overall, the annual report offered a comprehensive, attractive and helpful guide to the flourishing research and educational activities of the MBI, a few suggestions for next year's report are to provide all financial information (omitted 2020 information was requested and is in the process of being submitted), and to please include the

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customary letters of transmittal and support from the leadership of the Health Center, the College of Medicine, and the College of Public Health. It would also be helpful to include a Table of Contents at the beginning of the report.

The trustees would like to acknowledge Dr. Adam Woods' substantial support from NIH awards, and congratulate him on his appointment as Associate Editor for *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience* and being named to the editorial board of *Contemporary Clinical Trials*. The trustees also send their congratulations to Dr. Jen Bizon for her appointment as Chair of the Department of Neuroscience.

Thank you for the resilience and adaptability shown by the faculty and leadership during the unexpected challenges of 2020. The continued growth and productivity of the research activities under the circumstances are truly remarkable.

The trustees express their collective appreciation for your support and efforts in continuing to advance the research initiatives of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation leading to the understanding and alleviation of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss.

Sincerely,



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