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Dear Dr. Sacco and Dr. Rundek,

The trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) reviewed the 2018 annual report from the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (EMBI) at the University of Miami (UM) at their February 2019, board meeting. The trustees were pleased to note the quality of the report in the comprehensive description of the various initiatives underway to further develop the research and clinical programs in age related cognitive decline and memory loss at the EMBI at the UM.

The recent election of Dr. Sacco to the National Academy of Medicine adds not only to the prestige and recognition of Dr. Sacco personally, but also to the EMBI and the UM overall. The trustees were pleased to be invited to participate in the installation of Dr. Rundek as the Evelyn F. McKnight Chair for Learning and Memory in the Aging in October following her appointment as scientific director in January 2018. Under the leadership of Dr. Sacco and Dr. Rundek, the future success of the research programs under the auspices of the EMBI at UM is ensured.

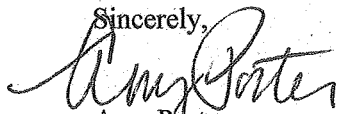
The trustees are pleased to note the strategic plan for the University of Miami and the EMBI are perfectly aligned with the inclusion of "Brain Health and Aging" in one of four pillars of emphasis for the future. The trustees look forward to learning the outcome of Phase II of the Strategic Planning Retreat planned for 2019.

It is noted that the educational programs focused on age-related memory loss in medical and graduate education have been successful in attracting students and residents in training to pursue further education through postdoctoral, fellowship and mentoring programs. The trustees are pleased Dr. Christian Camargo who completed the intramural McKnight Fellowship Program in 2018, is a recipient of a 2019 McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship.

The trustees appreciate the additional information, submitted separately, regarding the status of the recruitment activity to fill the Schoninger Professorship in Memory Disorders. The impediments to the recruitment are understood but it is noted that the importance of the position is valued and confirmed by the intent to create a cognitive division within the department of Neurology and the naming of Dr. Barry Baumel, a physician, as interim chief.

The trustees convey appreciation to you and the team of research scientists at the Miami EMBI for the collective and the inter-institutional collaborative efforts to advance the knowledge leading to the understanding and alleviation of age-related memory loss.

Sincerely,


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