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to Alleviate Memory Loss
in the Aging*

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Dear Dr. Sacco and Dr. Rundek,

The trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) reviewed the 2019 annual report from the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (EMBI) at the University of Miami (UM) at their February 2020 board meeting. The trustees were pleased to note the quality of the report and 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 trustees are also pleased to note the progress in implementing the second phase of the five-year EMBI strategic plan and the cooperative efforts toward the overall alignment with the University's Miller School of Medicine's strategic plan. It is noted that the educational program focused on age-related cognitive decline and memory loss under the auspices of the EMBI have expanded into the community through the **Mayor's Initiative on Aging: Your Brain** program.

The trustees appreciate Dr. Sacco's leadership in assuming the chair of the leadership council and the prospects for enhancing the collaborative research initiatives between the McKnight Brain Institutes (MBIs). The development of the mentoring program within the MBRF and the MBIs by Dr. Rundek for the McKnight Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research Scholars and their sponsors is acknowledged with appreciation.

The trustees look forward to attending and express appreciation to you for hosting the 12th Annual Inter-Institutional Meeting on April 1 – 3, 2020. The "Team Science" theme of the program will reinforce and foster collaborative research within the individuals MBIs and between the MBIs.

Sincerely,

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