## FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT Eli Capilouto

Members of the University Community,

We have heard from a number of you in recent days with concerns about legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly. The legislation would end the mandate that Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions waive tuition for employees of other public institutions.

- We are reviewing the legislation and its impact. We are assessing the number of UK employees utilizing the benefit; the institutions they attend; the courses they take; and the degrees they are pursuing. Because many of our employees already have registered for classes for this summer and fall, we understand the sense of urgency to provide answers.
- We are reaching out to our sister institutions to assess the potential for collaborating on new approaches.
- We will continue to provide the existing tuition waiver programs the Employee Education Program and Family Education Program - for UK employees taking courses on our campus and for their spouses and dependents. That will not change.
- We clearly must do a better job at UK in providing timely, relevant, and convenient educational opportunities for our employees. The "Our Path Forward" initiative aims to expand significantly the education we provide to more people. That should include you.

We will be communicating with you as soon as possible about our next steps. Thank you for your continued hard work on behalf of our University.

## Eli Capilouto

If you are a supervisor, please communicate this information to all of your staff, especially those without computer access.

