FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT Eli Capilouto

Members of the University Community:

Provost Tim Tracy has informed me of his intention to resign from the role of Provost at the University of Kentucky, effective <u>December 31, 2017</u>. Provost Tracy has accepted an offer to become Chief Executive Officer of Aprecia Pharmaceuticals, a pharmaceutical research and development company in Cincinnati. Our Provost did not seek this opportunity. It sought him.

As President, I am sorry Provost Tracy is leaving. He has led a series of essential initiatives across our campus (from the construction of our current Strategic Plan to the UK Leveraging Economic Affordability for Developing Success (LEADS) program) and across the Commonwealth, including being instrumental in the initiation of UK College of Medicine sites in Bowling Green, Morehead, and northern Kentucky. And he has led our multi-faceted effort to strengthen our academic and support services that have resulted in notable increases in our undergraduate retention and graduation rates. His impact is deep and lasting.

Personally, I will miss Tim's hard work, dedication to our campus, and thoughtful counsel across the range of issues we have faced together.

Nonetheless, I also am excited for my friend as he pursues this next chapter in his career. I know you join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him well in this next endeavor.

In the coming days, I will be consulting with the deans and other senior administrators, the Senate Council Chair, and others. And I will soon communicate with you about next steps. We will move quickly.

Eli Capilouto President

