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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2014

To: Dr. Karan Watson, CBE
Ms. B. J. Crain, CBE

From: Tom Reber, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Eric Hyman, Athletics Director

Subject: Relocation of E. King Gill Statue

The Kyle Field Redevelopment project necessitates the relocation of the E. King Gill statue currently located in the plaza area North of Kyle Field Zone. In conjunction with the original donor of the statue, the Class of 1980, it is proposed that the statue be relocated to one of two campus locations: 1.) the North end of Rudder Fountain or 2.) the 12th Man Hall within the Memorial Student Center (MSC). While both sites are acceptable to the Class representatives, their strong preference is for the exterior site, adjacent to Rudder Fountain.

The choices of the proposed locations are offered with the intent to support the following objectives identified by the Agents of the Class of 1980:

- The statue is placed in a highly visible and easily accessed area by students, faculty, former students, visitors, and media (not just game day attendees) but does not deter other daily activities or normal flow of traffic.
- The background setting is aesthetically pleasing and blends in with the ideals of the 12th Man and the core values of Texas A&M University.
- The location does not compete with the planned elements of the Kyle Field redevelopment project.
- The location meets University design, maintenance and other infrastructure standards.
- Reinforces the value of class gifting to the University and the relationship between former students and Texas A&M.
- Supports the University's 12th Man Branding Objectives.

The statue, crafted by artist George E. Foley, was originally set in place at Kyle Field in 1980 at a cost of \$21,000. The Class of 1980 has offered to fully underwrite the cost of the relocation, including any related site work, and will provide a maintenance endowment to ensure the long-term quality of the statue. The relocation cost estimates, provided by SSC for the relocation are approximately \$7,500 for a move to the exterior site and \$5,800 for the relocation to inside the MSC. The maintenance cost is dependent upon the final location and design and will be estimated during the sub-council analyses. To support the schedule of the Kyle Field Redevelopment project, this statue must be relocated prior to October 2014.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Attachment

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