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INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Effective: July 1,2020 <u>Replaces the EPInvestment Policy Statement and Asset and Risk Allocation Policy</u> <u>effective March 15, 2018</u>



individual investment management agreement(s), and as applicable, the stated investment guidelines in this Policy.

Trustee/Custodian

The role of the Trustee/Custodian is to provide safekeeping, accounting and valuation of Trust assets.

2. <u>OBJECTIVES</u>

Overall Objective

The GEP provides a common investment vehintended togenerate a stable and growing

endowments, for which the University is both trustee and beneficiary.

<u>The overall investment bjective of the GEP is to preservend grow the purchasing power</u> of the future stream of endowment payout for those funds and activities supported by the endowments. GERIsoseeks to maintain liquidity needed to support spending in prolonged down market nvironments without impairing long term growth.

Return Objective

<u>GEP seeks to maximize its return on investment, consistent with levels of investment risk</u> that are prudent and reasonable given -tomos capital market expectants and the overall objectives of the GEP. The performance of GEP will be measured relative to its objectives (e.g. spending, inflation growth) and policy benchmarks fourtiblish Policy.

public equity markts over the long term and takedvantage of the illiquidity premium.

4. Private Credit

Private credit includes debt issued by and loans made to companies through privately negotiated, nonpublic transactions other debt backed private structures, such as consumer or asset backed loarise objective of the portfolio is to earn higher returns than the public debtmarkets over the long term and take advantage of erential yields, terms and other characteristics available through private transactions.

5. Real Estate

Realestateincludesprivate investments in real propertydrelateddebt investments. The objectives of the realestateportfolio areto contribute to the dersification of the portfolio, generate returns through income and/or capital appreciation, and provide protection gainst unanticipated inflation.

6. Real Assets

Real assets includes, but is not limited ntatural resources imberland royalties, energy, infrastructure, and commodities related equity and released hvestments. The objective of the real assets portfoliare to contribute to the diversification of the portfolio, generate returns through income and/or capital appreciation, and provide protection against unanticipated inflation.

7. Absolute Return

Absolute return investmentase expected to generate lettegm real returns by exploiting market inefficiencies. The portfolioayinvest invariousstrategies including, but not limited to, Relative ValueMacro and Event DrivenstrategiesThe objective of the portfolio is to provide diversification and generate capital appreciation.

8. Derivatives

<u>A derivative is a contract or security whose value is derived from another security or risk factor. There are three fundamental classes of a fibres futures, optons and swaps each with many variations; in addition, some securities are combinations of derivatives or contain embedded values. Use of derivatives to create economic leverage is prohibited. Permitted applications for derivestiare efficient substitutes for physical securities, maging risk by hedging existing posures, to implement arbitrage or other approved active management strategies.</u>

Each asset class is assigned a benchmark that represents thereity paget and isk and return characteristics associated with the asset class. For some private or more complex asset classes the benchmark serves as a proxy for the expected level benchmark serves rather than a pproximation of the actual investment holdings.

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grouped in the standard categories used by the custodian bank to grassetts in the asset reports provided to the Chief Investment Officer

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