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Office of the President
December 11, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATE ROBOTICS BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approves the initiation of the Renovate Robotics Building capital project.

Background: The Center for Biomedical Engineering (CBME) was transferred administratively to the College of Engineering effective July 1, 2010. CBME is currently in the Wenner Gren Research Lab (completed 1941) and Wenner-Gren Addition (completed 1976). A key component of this transfer is the relocation of the CBME from the Wenner-Gren buildings to the 5th floor of the Center for Robotics and Manufacturing Systems (CRMS). The relocation is needed to take advantage of the many collaborative research opportunities between the CBME faculty and the various other Engineering faculty in and near the CRMS building. The project will renovate approximately 6,200 SF of laboratory space (including fume hoods) to provide more contemporary research space for biomedical engineering.

The legislative authorized scope and current project estimate is \$3,842,000. The current total available funding is only \$1,800,000 therefore the University intends to prioritize the improvements and install all the utilities in this first phase thereby enabling future connections as additional funds become available.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____