Office of the President June 19, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATE / EXPAND GATTON BUILDING

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approves the initiation of the design phase for the Renovate/Expand Gatton Building capital project.

<u>Background</u>: This project is for design only to prepare the necessary plans to renovate and expand the existing 138,400 gross square foot Gatton Building. The four story, 65,000 gross square feet expansion is planned to be primarily community-oriented space including an atrium with a café and seating area, eight classrooms, and a 500 seat auditorium. The addition will become the primary entrance from Administration Drive and create a secondary entry from South Limestone. The original 1963 building will be renovated to provide various types of space for faculty and students; and the classrooms in the 1991 addition will be renovated and updated to include the latest technology.

The Gatton School is raising private funds for the Renovate / Expand Gatton Building project. If approved by the Board of Trustees, this \$4 million "design phase only" project will be initiated in July, 2012. The project was authorized by the 2012 General Assembly as part of the Commonwealth's biennial budget, House Bill 265.

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