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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Research on Environmental Disease, in the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2013.

Background: The goals of the Center for Research on Environmental Disease are to foster collaboration among clinical and basic scientists, catalyze translational research, stimulate educational activities, enhance the competitiveness of member investigators for extramural funding, and increase national recognition for the University in the field of research on environmental disease. To achieve these goals, the Center will promote specific research- and education- related initiatives by integrating the activities of various investigators with expertise in chemistry, environmental chemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, nutrition, molecular biology, animal sciences, epidemiology, biostatistics, and clinical and translational sciences from different colleges. Creation of the Center is expected to stimulate development of new institutional grants including program project grants and center grants. Clinical and basic scientists will work together to address environmental disease-related public health concerns. The Center will promote national and international recognition of the University by its research and educational excellence.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate approved the proposal based upon its academic merits, and endorsed the resources and placement of the Center. The Interim Provost of the University supports the establishment of the Center.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____