

# FCR 8

Office of the President  
May 14, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

## RENOVATE ROBOTICS BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the increase of funding for 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's objective is to renovate approximately 6,200 SF of laboratory space (includes fume hoods) to provide more contemporary research space for biomedical engineering.

The total legislative authorized scope is \$3,842,000. The Board approved initiation of the project on December 11, 2012 using \$1,800,000 of accumulated fund balances. At the completion of the programming phase, the construction estimate exceeded the available construction dollars by \$575,000. The Board is requested to increase the current project scope to \$2,375,000 using non-recurring fund balances.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_