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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

IRIS PROJECT PHASE II

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the implementation of Phase II of the Integrated Resource Information Systems (IRIS) project with a scope of \$20 million. The project will be funded using lease/purchase financing. Repayment of the lease/purchase will be from general fund dollars.

Background: Phase I of the IRIS project [officially called the “Lease/Purchase Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project”], with a \$40 million scope, included new computer software to replace existing administrative systems for finance, materials management, human resources, and student services.

In December 2004, the Board of Trustees accepted the 2004-06 Capital Request Status Report which included Phase II at an estimated cost of \$15 million. The 2005 General Assembly authorized the \$15 million project in March 2005. Following Board action, UK will request an increase in the legislative authorization to \$20 million during the 2006 session of the General Assembly. Phase II will be implemented within the authorized \$15 million scope through June 2006. If approved by the Board and authorized by the General Assembly, the additional \$5 million of work will be implemented.

Phase II will improve the administrative functions of the university by adding to the modules implemented in Phase I and by implementing the budget preparation, plant maintenance, training and event management, travel and expense reimbursement, and customer relationship manager modules. These modules in Phase II will provide readily accessible student information for advising and faculty administrative tasks; improve the timeliness of travel reimbursements; provide faculty and staff self-service opportunities to change personal address, tax, and benefit information; improve decision making by delivering targeted management information directly to deans, department chairs, and administrators; and allow colleges to target and manage student recruitment efforts.

Phase I implementation “goes live” for the finance, procurement, and student accounting modules October 1, 2005. The human resources, payroll, and hospital inventory will go live January 1, 2006, and the academic/student services module (Campus Management) will go live October 1, 2006. The ERP Phase II implementation will begin on November 1, 2005 for finance. Each subsequent module will be implemented one month after the go-live date.

Action taken:

Approved

Disapproved

Other _____