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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CONSTRUCT RESEARCH BUILDING (FIT-UP TWO WET LABS) CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Construct Research Building (Fit-Up of Two Wet Labs) Capital Project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

The Healthy Kentucky Research Building (HKRB), a full scope state-of-the-art research facility, was authorized by the 2015 Kentucky General Assembly and is the result of a partnership between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University. This facility enables multidisciplinary research teams to work together to develop solutions to the complex health disparities that plague the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, and substance abuse.

Construction of the 300,000 square foot facility began in March 2015; and the facility opened in September 2018. Phase I included the construction of the core and shell of the six-floor building; installation of supporting infrastructure in the precinct; the fit-up of the second and third floors; and fit-up of 40 percent of the vivarium space and the lobby with its first-floor café.

The 2018 Kentucky General Assembly appropriated an additional \$40,000,000 in state bonds, which were used to fit-up the fourth and fifth floors and add vivarium space on the ground floor of the HKRB.

This Project marks Phase III of the HKRB construction and will fit-up two wet laboratories on the first floor dedicated to cardiovascular research. The two wet laboratories will add 12 research benches, fourteen procedure rooms, four linear equipment rooms, two adjoining fume-hood rooms, and office spaces. Upon completion of Phase III, the remaining fit up of HKRB will include the sixth floor research spaces; the conference spaces on the first and second floors; and the imaging facilities on the ground floor.

The scope of this capital project, authorized by the 2015 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, is \$8,000,000. The project will be funded with \$6,000,000 in federal funds from a National Institutes of Health grant and the remaining \$2,000,000 funded with agency funds. This project is within the total legislative authorization of \$265,000,000. The University will report the expenditure of the federal funds to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____