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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE –
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT LEASED SPACE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the payment of up to \$16,000 for improvements to space for the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Science – Psychology Department located at 343 Waller Avenue, Lexington Kentucky.

Background: Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute §164A.575, a public university may pay for improvements to leased property costing in excess of \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000 in a lump-sum upon approval of its board.

The Department of Psychology is currently located in leased space at 343 Waller Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky. The Department of Psychology has identified an opportunity to expand into an adjacent 1,100 square foot space which will allow psychology researchers to conduct cutting edge research addressing three areas of Kentucky’s health disparities: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment and recovery, new psychotherapy treatment outcome research, and new research on causes of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. To maximize resources and synergies, the lead investigators in these areas have agreed to share the additional space on a time-sharing basis.

The needed improvements to the additional space will include a shared waiting room, multiple psychotherapy treatment rooms, lab space for physiological assessment of outcomes, and shared space for graduate student researchers. Additionally, the improvements will include installation of a connection to the adjacent space currently leased by the Department of Psychology to provide better utilization of both the new and current space. The improvements are estimated to cost up to \$16,000 which will be paid with agency funds.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____