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Members, Board of Trustees:

<u>UPGRADE/RENOVATE/EXPAND RESEARCH LABS CAPITAL PROJECT</u> (BIOSAFETY LAB RENOVATION – HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH BUILDING)

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Upgrade/Renovate/Expand Research Labs (Biosafety Lab Renovation – Health Sciences Research Building) capital project.

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

In September 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the Upgrade/Renovate/Expand Research Labs (Biosafety Lab Renovation – Health Sciences Research Building) capital project with a scope of \$2,500,000. This project will retrofit approximately 4,200 square feet and will include reconfiguration of the existing space to accommodate a large, shared laboratory space. During design, it was determined that a dedicated rooftop air handling unit would be required for this project. This additional unit will require reinforcement of the existing roof structure and other associated costs not previously anticipated.

The Board is requested to approve a revised scope of \$4,000,000. This project, authorized by the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly, is well within the total legislative authorization of \$50,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

