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Members, Board of Trustees:

<u>RENOVATE/EXPAND CLINICAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECT -</u> <u>WILLIAM R. WILLARD MEDICAL EDUCATION BUILDING</u> (COLLEGE OF MEDICINE SUPPORT SPACE)

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Renovate/Expand Clinical Services Capital Project – William R. Willard Medical Education Building (College of Medicine Support Space.)

<u>Background</u>: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$600,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation. This capital project will renovate and upgrade College of Medicine (CoM) space on the Chandler campus for student, clinical faculty, staff, and administrative functions.

UK HealthCare continues to experience exponential growth as additional faculty and staff are recruited to further the mission of service, education and research to the Commonwealth thus increasing the need for space designed to support multiple functions. The planned Research Building II will contribute significantly to the research space needs creating the opportunity to renovate portions of the William R. Willard Medical Education Building (the original College of Medicine) for student, faculty, staff, and administration operations. A review of the existing CoM space of this building has identified several opportunities for repurposing of outdated laboratory, office, and conference room spaces. These spaces lack the basic infrastructure that is required to meet today's standards. The infrastructure limits include wired and wireless computer network capacity and reliable major equipment, such as autoclaves and freezers. Additionally, the HVAC systems cannot support the required temperature levels in the laboratories or cold rooms and reconfiguration of the laboratories is hampered by the type of casework that is in place. All these factors make continued use of the space as laboratories impractical, and the nonlaboratory space cannot be utilized to the fullest extent without being upgraded. The planned renovation will return these spaces to highly functional space such as faculty and staff offices, study spaces, and meeting rooms.

In addition to this first phase of renovations, an overall master plan for implementation of needed future renovations will be developed. The scope of this project is \$5,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds and is well within the total legislative authorization of \$15,000,000.

Action taken:	Approved	Disapproved	□ Other —	

