

# FCR 8

Office of the President  
April 25, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

CONSTRUCT ACADEMIC BUILDING  
(MAKERSPACE BUILDING – DESIGN PHASE) CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Construct Academic Building (Makerspace Building – Design Phase) capital project.

Background: 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.

This project will design a Makerspace building for the College of Engineering that will be located within the Engineering Quad. This building will serve as a dedicated, collaborative workspace where students can design, build and test their own engineering projects and inventions as they engage with a variety of tools and technology. The Makerspace building will support student success efforts as such spaces support disciplinary and multidisciplinary collaboration, enhance teaching objectives and student outcomes, and provide a place for additive innovation. This project is the first phase of a multi-phase plan to further the College of Engineering's robust and innovative education mission.

This \$4,000,000 project, authorized by the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, is well within the total legislative authorization of \$149,000,000 and will be funded with agency and private funds.

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Action taken:    ☒ Approved    ☐ Disapproved    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

