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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Institute of Research for Technology Development in the College of Engineering.

Background: The Institute of Research for Technology Development will address industry problems by conducting multidisciplinary research, drawing on a wide array of technical and scientific fields. The institute will directly and effectively respond to ever-increasing requests from industry for immediate and long-term solutions to process problems and challenges. It is an outgrowth of more than a decade of industrial support for Dr. Kozo Saito and his research team in the area of coatings technology through the Painting Technology Consortium. The new institute will facilitate expanded opportunities for faculty, research and technical support staff, and students beyond the fields of vehicle and coating equipment manufactures, which have historically provided the bulk of the support.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure, the Senate Council, and the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____