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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATION OF THE THOMAS HUNT MORGAN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES BUILDING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the renovation of the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Sciences Building to convert space to teaching and research labs.

Background: At the September 11, 2007 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the capital project to upgrade the fume hood exhaust and air supply systems within the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Sciences Building. The university also began renovation and upgrades of teaching and research labs to accommodate two new biology faculty members. This project will continue the needed building renovations by consolidating the class labs to the ground floor and continue renovation of space on the upper floors for use as research labs for two additional faculty members. Relocating the teaching labs will also make space available for a future project to construct labs for four other faculty lines. These renovations are needed to meet the needs of contemporary research and biology instruction. This renovation project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.9 million and will be funded with university unrestricted fund balances. The 2008 Kentucky General Assembly authorized the renovation of class labs in the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Science Building for \$2.5 million and provided authorization of a \$33.5 million pool for renovation of campus research labs. Contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the university will request the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee to allow the university to consolidate the \$2.5 million Thomas Hunt Morgan teaching lab project and \$700,000 from the research lab pool bringing the aggregate authorized scope to \$3.2 million.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____