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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATE ERICKSON HALL CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Renovate Erickson Hall Capital Project.

Background: 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 project will renovate the lower level of Erickson Hall to accommodate the Veterans Resource Center which provides individualized assistance and special support to the University's military and veteran populations.

The University's Veterans Resource Team is comprised of retired veterans and other dedicated professionals from several departments across campus who share the goal of helping veterans achieve their academic goals. Currently members of the Veterans Resource Team are located in inadequate spaces in multiple locations across campus. This project will relocate and consolidate the Veterans Resource Team to central campus in the lower level of Erickson Hall.

The renovated space will include a reception area, study rooms, computer lab, lounge area, counselling rooms, and support space. Additionally, this project will relocate and improve the men's and women's restrooms to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design. The Veterans Resource Center currently supports over 700 student veterans, military students, and their families. The new space will better accommodate the 40-50 students that frequent the Center daily and reflect the University's efforts to ensure student-veteran success.

The \$900,000 project was authorized by the 2014 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The project will initially be financed with agency funds to be repaid with philanthropy over a period not to exceed three years.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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