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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve initiation of the following capital projects:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Authorized Scope</u>
1. Fit-up Education Space in Health Sciences Building	Agency Funds	\$1,000,000
2. Renovate M. I. King Library	Agency Funds	\$2,830,000
3. Renovate Chemistry-Physics Building	Agency Funds	\$5,000,000

Background:

The university continues to improve operational efficiencies and enhance the quality of instructional space by renovating and assigning space more effectively. The anticipated cost of the following three projects is \$5,750,000, which is within the scope authorized by the Kentucky General Assembly. These projects will be paid for with available fund balances.

Fit-up Education Space in Health Sciences Building: Authorized by the 2006 General Assembly, this \$1,000,000 project will fit-up approximately 4,000 square feet of shelled space to create an additional lecture hall that will accommodate approximately 165 students.

Renovate M. I. King Library: The project includes renovating space to accommodate the relocation of the Chemistry and Physics libraries and a student computer lab from the Chemistry-Physics Building. The vacated space in the Chemistry-Physics Building will provide much-needed faculty offices and research labs as well as an additional teaching lab (see below). The second floor of the library will be renovated to provide improved customer service near the entrance, expand student computer areas, and provide additional seating, reading, and group study areas. The renovations also will include modernizing elevators, improving lighting, and upgrading ceiling and floor coverings.

This renovation project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.25 million. The 2006 General Assembly authorized two separate projects at M. I. King Library with a combined scope of \$2.83 million: \$1.7 million to renovate M. I. King Library South - 1962 Section and \$1.13 million to replace elevators. Contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the university will request the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee at their July meetings to allow the University to consolidate the two projects bringing the aggregate authorized scope to \$2.83 million.

Renovate Chemistry-Physics Building: The 2006 Kentucky General Assembly authorized the university to expend up to \$5 million to initiate the design phase of an expansion of the Chemistry-Physics Building. A recently completed utilization study of the building recommends immediate renovations to provide additional research and teaching labs. Contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the university will request that the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee allow the university to use existing design authority for renovation.

The project will include renovating 2,300 square feet on the third floor into a teaching lab with 20 student work areas (each area can accommodate two students). The project also includes necessary infrastructure such as hot and cold water faucets at each station, fume hoods, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation and air cooling, and improved ingress and egress from the rooms. Two safety stations with drench shower and eye wash will be installed for student safety. This project is currently estimated to cost approximately \$2.5 million, which is within the authorized design scope of \$5 million.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____