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Office of the President
April 21, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

RENOVATE CENTRAL COMPUTING FACILITY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve initiation of the Renovate Central Computing Facility capital project.

Background: In 2007, the University of Kentucky contracted to build a data center at Coldstream Research Park to open fall 2009. However, due to non-compliance by the builder/developer, the University terminated the contract. Since a move to a new data center facility was planned, only minor maintenance investments have been made to McVey Hall, the current facility housing the central computing operations. It is imperative that some facility issues be addressed for UK Information Technology (UKIT) to continue to provide reliable service for mission critical IT systems.

The power and air-conditioning problems in McVey Hall require immediate short-term investments to ensure sufficient cooling and power distribution for the next few years. The scope of the project is $845,000, well within the legislative authorization of $2,813,000, and will be funded with the executive vice president for finance and administration's unrestricted fund balances.

UKIT will continue development of long-term plans for a new facility to establish a unified health care and campus services data center to complement today's computational requirements and tomorrow's emerging technologies.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other ───────────