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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

DESIGN PHASE OF THE EXPAND/RENOVATE/UPGRADE LAW BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Design Phase of the Expand/Renovate/Upgrade Law Building Capital Project and declare official intent to reimburse the capital expenditures from a future debt obligation.

Background: The existing College of Law building was originally constructed in 1965, and later expanded in 1977. The current facility is antiquated and inadequate to meet the existing and future needs of the college, making it challenging for the college to compete with peer institutions for top ranked students. This project will help elevate the College of Law's national ranking among its peer institutions.

This initial phase will include programming and design of the full renovation of the existing facility plus evaluate the need for additional space. It is anticipated the upgraded facility will include modern spaces for the following functions: large and small courtrooms, upgraded library space, classrooms, signature student spaces, and space for student organizations, faculty offices, law clinics, and administration.

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. The cost of design is not expected to exceed \$6,000,000, well within the project's legislative authorization of \$65,000,000. The design phase may be initially financed with agency funds to be reimbursed by state bond proceeds.

The design phase will include a detailed assessment of the facility and yield schematic documents including advanced preliminary concepts and more detailed cost estimates for the project. Prior to the initiation of construction, the project will be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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