Subject: George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories
Room 2514 Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The College of Engineering proposes to renovate an existing laboratory on the second floor of the George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories building for the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. A renovation of approximately 1,200 gross square feet is planned that will relocate a flame spray pyrolysis apparatus used in nanoparticle research into a separate containment room to improve safety. The scope of this project includes specialized exhaust and supply air ventilation systems, and the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,600,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SmithGroupJJR will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 6 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories Room 2514 Renovation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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