Subject: Chemistry Building and Willard H. Dow Laboratory Renovations for the Department of Chemistry

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts proposes a renovation of approximately 5,900 gross square feet of space on the third and fourth floors of the Chemistry Building and Willard H. Dow Laboratory to prepare laboratory space for new faculty and to accommodate associated relocations needed in the Department of Chemistry. The project will create updated wet laboratory, clean room, and student office spaces. The renovation includes updating infrastructure in the affected area, including electrical and data distribution, fire alarm, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, as well as architectural finish upgrades. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $2,700,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts 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 architecture and engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of six on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2017.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Chemistry Building and Willard H. Dow Laboratory Renovations for the Department of Chemistry 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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