Approved by the Board of Trustees

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ROLL CALL

# APPROVE DESIGN FOR SWINE RESEARCH CENTER RELOCATION AND

# MODERNIZATION, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Design for Swine Research Center Relocation and Modernization

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget and State Grant Funds

In November 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the Swine Research Center Modernization project and budget to support research and teaching in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and throughout the university. The following year, in July 2022, the Board approved a professional services consultant contract for the required professional services.

The design of the Swine Research Center Modernization project includes improved agricultural housing systems that meet or exceed welfare standards, housing for gene-edited pigs, and technology-enabled facilities that can be a hub for precision animal management research and teaching. In addition, the project will include a surgical suite and multi-purpose procedure rooms allowing students in animal sciences and the Carle Illinois College of Medicine to train and experience hands-on teaching activities. The Department of Animal Sciences has been unable to host such training for several years due to the current facility’s lack of biosecurity capabilities. The project scope has been pared down in an effort to keep estimated construction costs within budget. The current design does not include the originally planned relocation of all Imported Swine Research Laboratory (ISRL) operations, nor does it include modular research pods for housing gene-edited and biomedical pigs.

In order for the project to proceed, the design must be approved. The design meets all campus building standards, including accessibility compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and applicable State and federal standards, and is within the approved project budget.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the modernization design for the Swine Research Center be approved.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statues*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*,andBoard of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and State grant funding.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.