Approved by the Board of Trustees

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ROLL CALL

# APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET FOR DISCOVERY PARTNERS INSTITUTE

# (Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve Project Budget for Discovery Partners Institute

**Funding:** Institutional Funds, State Capital Appropriations, and Expected

Philanthropic Support

In July 2019, the Board approved a resolution in support of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). DPI is a collaborative, interdisciplinary research, and education institute that fosters public-private partnerships with industry, governmental, nongovernmental, and community-based agencies. The State of Illinois has shown its support for this initiative by appropriating $500.0 million to the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN), of which DPI is a part. Approximately $235.0 million of this appropriation has been earmarked to fund the construction of a new facility near Chicago’s South Loop. In January 2021, the Board approved the Capital Development Board’s selection of Jacobs Consulting, Inc., with OMA\*AMO Architecture to provide architectural services for the project.

Original budget estimates for the project totaled $250.0 million. Cost escalations of construction materials and the construction market at large have adversely affected this project, requiring a reduction in planned building size while preserving the integral design features commensurate with DPI’s mission and the facility’s intended prominence in The 78, Chicago’s newest neighborhood. Current design plans call for completing the building’s exterior shell and most of the building’s interior. **Approximately 40 percent of the space will remain unfinished to provide flexibility to customize space for future programmatic needs.** To complete the project, it is necessary to increase the University’s financial contribution by $35.0 million for a total anticipated investment of $50.0 million. The additional contribution will increase the total project budget to $285.0 million. The additional contribution of $35.0 million will be paid from institutional funds and expected philanthropic support.

Accordingly, the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the budget for the Discovery Partners Institute facility project be increased by $35.0 million for a total budget of $285.0 million.

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

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating

budget of the University of Illinois, State capital appropriations, and expected philanthropic support.

The President of the University of Illinois System concurs.