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ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT FOR SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC ONCOLOGY CENTER ADDITION, VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Project for Small Animal Clinic Oncology Center Addition,

Veterinary Teaching Hospital

**Funding:**  Institutional [Funds](https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/bfpp/section-1-intro-business-financial-functions/funding-language-bot-roll-call-items-contracts) Operating Budget

The University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital is the primary clinical laboratory for professional veterinary students. The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to the professional preparation of “practice ready” veterinarians. Therefore, their clinical experience in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a critical factor in their preparation to practice veterinary medicine.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital was constructed in 1978 and was designed according to specifications for veterinary medicine at that time. The changes in practice over the ensuing 43 years have been profound. Specialty practices in neurology, neurosurgery, interventional and diagnostic cardiology, oncology services and advanced medical imaging were non-existent when the hospital was designed. While substantive progress has been achieved, the physical facility still poses serious constraints with regard to the developing Oncology Service for the small Animal Clinic.

In the United States, approximately 6 million new cancer diagnoses are made in dogs and approximately the same number made in cats each year. The rise in cancer diagnoses has led to a new understanding of the fundamental mechanisms of cancer biology, disease diagnosis, and the development of effective therapies has also evolved. The focus of the University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Oncology Center is on comparative oncology to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer in pet animals, and translate our research and knowledge also to benefit people with cancer.

The Vet Med Small Animal Clinic cancer care will combine a unique blend of compassion and science that will be administered in a client and patient centered environment – one that reduces stress in the veterinary patients and their human family members from the onset of their cancer journey. Meeting this goal is the purpose for the requested new 20,373 gross square foot Oncology Addition for the expanding Oncology Services, with a total budget, including site work, of $15.0 million. The addition will address life safety and accessibility issues as well.

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the Vice President, University of Illinois System with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Oncology Addition Project be approved with a budget of $15.0 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 Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

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

The President of the University concurs.