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# ROLL CALL

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# APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET FOR NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM (NAP) SIMULATION LAB, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Project Budget for Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) Simulation Lab

**Funding:** Gift Funds and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

This project will create state-of-the-art simulation laboratories on the second floor of the College of Nursing Building, located at 845 South Damen Avenue in Chicago. The current second-floor space consists of outdated and underutilized laboratories, a sleep study center, and office areas.

The renovation will transform the floor into a modern simulation center to immerse students in various healthcare environments, particularly surgical settings. Planned spaces include pre-operative and post-operative rooms, surgical suites, and flexible classrooms that support active learning.

Students will engage with high-fidelity simulated patients in realistic clinical scenarios. These interactions will be recorded and used during instructor-led debriefing sessions to enhance reflection and learning. This hands-on experience will give students valuable clinical exposure in a controlled environment, without compromising patient care.

In addition to the simulation labs, the project will provide new instructional areas and student support spaces to foster a comprehensive learning environment.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) Simulation Lab project with a budget of $10.0 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 gift funds and the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.