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ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR LUNG AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Center for Lung and Vascular Biology, College of Medicine, Chicago

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago, with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Medicine, recommends the establishment of a new research unit, the Center for Lung and Vascular Biology.

The Center for Lung and Vascular Biology will focus on the diseases of the lungs and vasculature. Some of the most relevant areas that will be studied are asthma, especially in children, acute lung injury, inflammatory diseases, acute transplant rejection, and diabetes. The Center seeks to define mechanisms of the lungs and pulmonary systems and the mechanisms of the diseases affecting them, and to discover new antibodies to disease, new drugs, and new approaches for delivering drugs within these systems.

The mission of the Center is to develop a center of excellence by bringing together scientists from different disciplines who are already engaged in research in this area of study to generate innovative research and to promote the further development of interdisciplinary research teams. The collaboration of basic and physician scientists has the potential to lead to innovations in both scientific research and clinical care.

The Center for Lung and Vascular Biology will be led by a director who will be assisted by an associate director. They will report to the dean of the College of Medicine. The Center director will be assisted by several advisory committees. The Standing Committee will meet periodically with the director to discuss faculty appointments and recommendations. The External Advisory Committee, consisting of nationally renowned scholars, and the Internal Advisory Committee will evaluate the annual progress of the Center and provide feedback to its director.

The College of Medicine has committed \$340,000 initially, with additional \$40,000 increments over the next four years for recruitment and partial salary support for five to eight tenure track faculty members. Additional support for the Center, approximately \$25,000 per year, will come from indirect cost recovery funds, based upon projected grant funds of approximately \$375,000 acquired by each of the five new faculty members. The projected total return to the Center is \$200,000.

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.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.