Subject: E. H. Kraus Building
Renovate Rooms 1003, 1009 and 1012A

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts proposes to renovate space within the E.H. Kraus Building to provide laboratory space for the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. Approximately 6,000 gross square feet of classroom space on the first floor will be renovated to provide a modern laboratory and research support spaces. The space will be designed to maximize flexibility for future use. In addition, several infrastructure improvements will be completed to support the renovated space. The scope of the project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from the project.

The estimated cost of the project is $750,000. Funding will be provided from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The University of Michigan, Plant Extension – Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the E. H. Kraus Building - Renovate Rooms 1003, 1009 and 1012A project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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