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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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Interim Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Kual Financial System Upgrade

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the system upgrade of the Kual Financial System (KFS) and Kual RICE infrastructure in the total amount of \$1,600,000, including contingency.

BACKGROUND:

The Kual Financial System (KFS) is an integrated enterprise system which supports UConn financial organizations including – Accounting, Accounts Payable, Bursar, Purchasing, and Sponsored Programs. KFS is also the system of record for the processing of critical financial transactions and workflows. The University’s KFS application, 4.1.1, was implemented in July 2012 and currently lacks enhanced structural and functional capabilities that are available in the most recent version of the software.

The proposed project will enable UConn to upgrade the current application to Kual 5.3 and the supporting Kual RICE infrastructure to 2.3.6. The proposed project kickoff date of December, 2014 supports the full upgrade of the application with consideration of the upcoming CoreCT project, as well as the Human Resources and Payroll Data Warehouse implementation. Deferring the KFS/RICE upgrade most likely would result in a 3-year delay in future application enhancements. A potential delay would also result in an overall increase of complexity and user impact of future KFS versions.

This project is sponsored by the Finance and Budget Division and has been fully reviewed by University Information Technology Services. It has also been reviewed by the Information Technology Functional Partners committee, comprised of multi-disciplined University departments. The project budget contemplates anticipated consulting needs, to be procured in

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accordance with State contracting requirements and University policies and procedures. The budget will be funded from UCONN 2000 Equipment, Library Collections & Telecommunications funds.