MEMORANDUM

September 10, 2015

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor

SUBJECT: 2015/16 Master Capital Plan

Action Requested

The proposed resolution approves the 2015/16 State University of New York Master Capital Plan dated September 2015.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the State University has traditionally prepared a Master Capital Plan establishing long-range capital construction program plans for the statutory colleges and State-operated campuses of the State University, including the three teaching hospitals; and

Whereas New York State Education Law §355(13) now requires the Board of Trustees to approve an annual Master Capital Plan containing certain prescribed elements, which must be submitted annually to the Chairs of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and to the Director of the Budget; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has reviewed the 2015/16 Master Capital Plan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the State University 2015/16 Master Capital Plan, dated September 2015, be, and hereby is, approved; and, be it further
Resolved that the Chancellor, or her designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to submit the State University 2015/16 Master Capital Plan to the Chairs of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and to the Director of the Budget in accordance with section 355(13).

Background

The State University 2015/16 Master Capital Plan establishes the University’s long-range plans for capital construction projects at the statutory colleges and State-operated campuses, including the three teaching hospitals. The original Master Capital Plan for the period 1977/85 was approved in 1977 (Resolution 77-249, adopted October 26, 1977), and the Plan has been updated numerous times.

Chapter 678 of the Laws of 1988 established a new program, which continues to this day, for financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of State University academic facilities through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. Prior to this enactment, State University academic facilities had been financed through the Housing Finance Agency under a program that began in 1964.

As amended by Chapter 59, Part NN, of the Laws of 2004, and further amended by Chapter 57, Part GG, of the Laws of 2008, section 355(13) requires the Board of Trustees to approve and submit annually to the Chairs of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee and to the Director of the Budget, a Master Capital Plan setting forth:

- major projects proposed for construction or rehabilitation in the future;
- major projects currently in design or under construction;
- associated costs of the above major projects;
- major projects spending to date and anticipated timeframes for completion; and
- how such major projects address improvements in environmental protection, energy and resource management, solar energy and conservation.

A copy of the State University 2015/16 Master Capital Plan was made available to the Board of Trustees in advance of the September 10, 2015 meeting and is on file with the Office of the Secretary. It contains a comprehensive listing of major construction and rehabilitation projects now underway or proposed to be undertaken for educational facilities on statutory colleges and State-operated campuses, including the three teaching hospitals, together with other pertinent cost, spending and scheduling information.