



DATE: April 27, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl Lejuez 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Kualiti Financials Migration to the Cloud

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a budget of \$1,400,000 in UCONN 2000 Bond Funds for consulting and contingency required to upgrade the Kualiti Financials system to the cloud and \$230,456 in operating funds for FY23 for the Software as a Service (SaaS) offering. The funding request is split over two fiscal years: \$700,000 in FY23 and \$700,000 in FY24. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$1,400,000 in UCONN 2000 Bond Funds for consulting and contingency required to upgrade the Kualiti Financials system to the cloud and \$230,456 in operating funds for FY23 for the Software as a Service (SaaS) offering.”

BACKGROUND:

Kualiti Financials is a comprehensive software suite that serves as the University’s financial system of record for accounting and other fiscal operations. ITS currently pays \$384,286 in partnership and support fees for the Kualiti Financials Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. This service is self-hosted in the University’s data center across multiple virtual servers and databases for development, testing, and production. ITS manages and maintains all application and database servers, the code base, and UConn customizations.

ITS is proposing to transition our Kualiti Financials service to a cloud environment hosted by KualitiCo. Once migrated, KualitiCo will be responsible for code management, unit testing, and deployment; management of the databases and application servers for the UConn environments; and release of new features, upgrades, and bug fixes to the code hosted in their environment. UConn will always be on the

current version of the Quali code, and because updates and functionality improvements will be delivered incrementally, functional, departmental, and technical staff will no longer need to implement extensive upgrades. UConn will also receive new functionality only available to cloud customers, such as financial reporting dashboards for each module.

The implementation would begin in the Summer of 2022 and take approximately nine to twelve months. Hosting fees are projected to increase to approximately \$800K annually. The full operating budget is not required in the first three years of the cloud implementation because UConn has credits with QualiCo that will offset the annual hosting expense at a rate of \$251K in FY23 and \$165K for fiscal years FY24, FY25, and FY26.

This project is sponsored by Information Technology Services (ITS) with support from the Controller's Office. The budget consists of consulting services and the ongoing operating costs of the SaaS, which will be procured in accordance with State contracting requirements and University policies and procedures.