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**REQUEST TO ELIMINATE A CENTER: CENTER FOR ADVANCED HOST DEFENSES,
IMMUNOBIOTICS AND TRANSLATIONAL COMPARATIVE MEDICINE
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested: Recommend approval of request to eliminate the Center for Advanced Host Defenses, Immunobiotics and Translational Comparative Medicine (CAHDIT) at Iowa State University.

Executive Summary: CAHDIT was established by the Board of Regents in 2009 to conduct innovative and collaborative biomedical research with the goals of developing novel prophylactic vaccines, immunotherapeutic agents, and next-generation molecular diagnostics for diseases of both humans and agricultural/ companion animals. The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and the Office of the Vice President of Research (VPR) previously provided funding support for CAHDIT, but the center is currently operating only on remaining grant funds. The research activities and external funding to support the center have diminished to the point that a separate center with this mission is no longer appropriate. It is unlikely to obtain additional grant funding support necessary to justify or sustain the center designation.

The change received approval from the College and the Provost at Iowa State University and the Board office recommends approval.