

# FCR 4

Office of the President  
December 13, 2011

Members, Board of Trustees:

## RENOVATE/UPGRADE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the ‘Renovate/Upgrade Softball Complex’ capital project.

Background: The UK softball program is coming off its most accomplished season in school history, ranked among the top 13 schools in the nation after appearing in and hosting its first Super Regional. UK’s run included its first 40-win season in school history.

As reflected in the overall Athletics facility plan, the softball facilities need to be renovated for the student athletes, including the locker, shower, restroom, and lounge facilities. The proposed project will also include the following related renovations and upgrades: the locker area for umpires; team equipment storage; additional seating along both lines; new press box which may have the ability to service soccer field as well as softball field; and, other amenities as deemed feasible.

The project will also allow the University to host the 2013 SEC Softball Tournament as requested by the Southeastern Conference. With the improvements, the softball complex will meet all requirements of the conference. The scope of the project is not expected to exceed \$7,500,000 and will be funded by Athletics.

If approved by the Board of Trustees, the University will request approval from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) at its February 9, 2012 meeting and authorization by the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee at its February 21, 2012 meeting.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_