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Office of the President June 19, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

DESIGN PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCT BASEBALL FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Design Phase of the Construct Baseball Facility Capital Project.

Background: The University's upmost priority is improving our students' holistic well-being. It goes beyond academic instruction to providing various opportunities for inquiry and learning to respect and value others and themselves. It also includes attention to physical and emotional health. As the design and implementation of the campus' physical transformation continues, the University must regain green space for student recreational needs. The transportation master plan, currently under development, also underlines the need for space to address long-term mobility requirements. Due to the main campus' land constraints, the President has directed the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (Athletics) to relocate the existing baseball stadium to provide the needed space.

Since its construction in 1969, the current baseball facility has been renovated twice with the last renovation over 13 years ago. The program has grown significantly and the current facility is inadequate to meet the existing and future needs of the team and does not meet required specifications to host the Southeastern Conference or National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball tournaments.

This project will initiate the design phase of the construction of a new baseball stadium on a new site along Alumni Drive. The new baseball facility will include seating for 4,500 spectators, locker rooms, offices, concessions, viewing suites, practice infield, scoreboard, sport turf maintenance facilities, and a parking area.

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$600,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation. The cost of design is not expected to exceed \$4,000,000, well within the project's legislative authorization of \$40,000,000. The project will be financed by Athletics using private funds. The design phase will include a detailed assessment of the facility and yield schematic documents including advanced preliminary concepts and more detailed cost estimates for the project. Prior to the initiation of construction, the project will be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Action taken:

Approved Disapproved

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