

# FCR 15

Office of the President  
May 6, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

## APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR HOUSING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve new student housing construction with a total project scope of \$46,000,000 financed by the sale of Housing and Dining Bonds.

Background: For the past two years, the Housing and Dining System has not been able to accommodate the demand for housing by students. The administration proposes to construct new residence halls on campus to accommodate the additional demand for student housing.

The Housing and Dining System currently has 5,124 beds in residence halls and Greg Page Apartments for undergraduate students. Effective August 2003, the University will lease 180 apartments from University Commons located about 1.5 miles from campus to place 672 students.

Research has shown that students who live on campus generally perform better academically, persist longer in college, become more involved in campus life and develop a more positive self concept. Moreover, there is the value added component of having more frequent contact with faculty through residential learning communities. There is also the convenience of being closer to campus resources such as the William T. Young Library, the new Bernard Johnson Student Recreation Center and the Student Center, to name just a few.

It is estimated that this construction project will add 684 additional spaces to the housing inventory. These additional housing facilities will be in accordance with the University's 2002 Campus Master Plan. Construction will consist of suite style units located in three general locations, Kirwan/Blanding Complex (440 spaces), Martin Luther King Boulevard and Euclid (144 spaces) and Lexington Avenue (100 spaces).

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Action Taken:  Approved       Disapproved       Other \_\_\_\_\_