

# FCR 7

Office of the President  
April 30, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

## IMPROVE STUDENT CENTER SPACE 1 – HARRIS BALLROOM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the “Improve Student Center Space 1 – Harris Ballroom” Capital Project.

Background: The University's Student Center was originally constructed in 1938 and expanded in 1963 and 1982. It was further expanded and renovated in 2018 to more than 378,000 square feet, including an atrium, recreation area, lounges, conference facilities, entertainment venues, retail space, food service, bookstore, student organization spaces, and administrative support offices. The Center is heavily used by the University community and others with almost two million visitors annually. The Grand Ballroom in the newly expanded Student Center provides unique opportunities for multipurpose meeting space, but is unable to meet the growing demand for large multi-functional spaces on campus. The 2018 expansion/renovation project provided schematic design of the Harris Ballroom, but was unable to fit out this space due to budget constraints. Subsequently, the Harris Ballroom is currently a “shell space” in the Student Center. Completion is necessary at this time due to the extremely high demand for large multi-functional space at the University. Project completion date is March 2020.

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation. The project is estimated to cost \$5,500,000 well within the project’s legislative authorization of \$15,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

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