

FCR 16

Office of the President
April 23, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

IMPROVE JOE CRAFT FOOTBALL PRACTICE FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Joe Craft Football Practice Facility and affiliated, enabling capital project at the Nutter-Shively Complex.

Background: 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.

At the January 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved construction of a new football training facility. After ten football seasons, a modernization and upgrade of the weightroom is necessary to meet the strength and conditioning needs of the football program. Because of the football team's calendar, this project must be completed between the end of spring football training and the start of the summer workout regimen.

The \$3,000,000 project includes electrical improvements and installation of durable, energy absorbing flooring to support new state-of-the-art weight and strength training equipment. In tandem with this project and to enable its construction, the Nutter-Shively Complex will also receive enhancements to support strength and conditioning training. These improvements will support the daily health, performance and recovery of over 400 of our male and female student athletes.

This project, authorized by the 2024 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, is part of the multi-year financial plan for athletics approved by the Board at its June 2025 meeting. Accordingly, internal loan funds authorized in FCR 8 (June 2025) may be utilized for this project and will be repaid with private funds.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____