

FCR 19

Office of the President
June 13, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

IMPROVE SOCCER/SOFTBALL FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Soccer/Softball Facility capital project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

This project will upgrade the existing sports lighting systems for both the soccer and softball fields to state-of-the-art LED systems. Additionally, this project will include updating the netting system in the indoor hitting pavilion, installing a Trackman radar system used by the team to analyze performance data, installing a new sidewalk entry area to greatly improve pedestrian safety outside the facility, and replacing existing field fencing and gates that have exceeded their useful life. As the University is hosting the 2026 Southeastern Conference Softball Tournament these improvements will enhance the fan experience.

The project is part of the multi-year plan for capital projects designed to enable the athletics enterprise to produce necessary revenue to ensure a strong financial trajectory. As part of this multi-year plan, internal loan funds authorized in FCR 8 may be utilized for this project and will be repaid with private funds.

This \$5,000,000 project, authorized by the 2024 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, is well within the total legislative authorization of \$7,000,000 and will be funded with private funds.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____

