## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

Softball Center

New Facility

Action

Requested:

Approval of Schematic Design, Revised Project Budget, and Authorization to

Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

## Background:

At the October 2012 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the Softball Center New Facility project and the appointment of Integrated Architecture as the architect for its design. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics proposes a project that will demolish the Softball Service Building and construct a larger and more modern facility in its place. The approximately 10,200-gross-square-foot Softball Center will include locker rooms for players and coaches, staff offices, a team meeting room, athletic medicine and fitness spaces, hydrotherapy pools, and support space. The project will also include site restoration including the plaza and extension of a water main loop through that area for increased fire protection. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

After completion of schematic design and during reconciliation of cost estimates with an independent cost estimator, we determined that the preliminary costs for the project were underestimated. In order to complete the project as proposed, we seek approval to revise the project budget from \$4,000,000 to \$5,300,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources and gifts. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The project is expected to provide an average of 19 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the schematic design and revised project budget for the Softball Center New Facility project as presented at the meeting, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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