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**PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item recommends approval of the following public university non-instructional capital project:

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation Project \$ 5,000,000

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the non-instructional capital project described in this item.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Southern Illinois University is seeking Illinois Board of Higher Education approval of a baseball stadium renovation project on the Carbondale campus. This item provides details regarding the project's background, scope, financing, and schedule.

<u>Institution/Project</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>
1) Southern Illinois University Carbondale: Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation	\$5,000,000

1) Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation

Background

On December 8, 2011, the SIU Board of Trustees approved a proposal to begin planning a project to renovate its baseball facilities. Shortly thereafter, SIU submitted a Notice of Intent to the IBHE communicating their intent to proceed with the planning of a non-instructional capital project involving the installation of artificial turf and renovation of the Abe Martin Baseball Field. On February 15, 2013, the University notified IBHE staff that they would be seeking IBHE approval for the project at its April Board meeting. The project submitted for consideration is named the Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation Project to reflect SIU Trustee action taken in 2012 which named the baseball stadium after Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones. The baseball field itself has retained the name Abe Martin Field. On December 13, 2012, the SIU Trustees approved the stadium renovation project and the \$5.0 million budget. Funding for the project will come from private donations and from internal financing.

Project Scope

Southern Illinois University is seeking IBHE approval to proceed with a non-instructional capital project at the SIU Carbondale campus. The University utilized the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process to select an Architectural Engineering (A/E) firm, *360 Architecture*, to conduct programming, planning and design of the renovations. The project includes infrastructure work and renovations to the grandstand, press box, restrooms, and perimeter

fencing enclosure. In addition, plans call for the replacement of the natural grass with artificial turf, the installation of field lights, the replacement of the outfield wall, and renovations to the visitor's bullpen. The estimated cost of the project is \$5.0 million.

Project Rationale

The Southern Illinois University baseball complex is located south of the SIU Arena. The field was constructed in 1964 and was named Abe Martin Field in 1972 to honor Glenn "Abe" Martin, who retired in 1971 after 33 years of service, including 19 years as head baseball coach. Over the years, improvements to the baseball complex include the replacement of the outfield with Bermuda grass in 2000 and the installation of a new scoreboard in 2006. On May 10, 2012, the SIU Board of Trustees approved naming the baseball stadium after Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones; the field remains Abe Martin Field. Due to the age of the baseball stadium, new grandstands, field lighting, and infrastructure improvements are needed. Artificial turf is also needed to improve playing conditions, increase field availability due to weather conditions, and reduce overall field maintenance and upkeep.

This project promotes the non-instructional objectives of Southern Illinois University as well as the goals of *The Illinois Public agenda for College and Career Success*. Intercollegiate Athletics plays an important role in recruiting and retaining students, enhancing the student college experience, and engaging alumni at SIU. This project is also expected to have a positive impact on the local economy.

Project Cost & Financing

The total estimated cost of the Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation Project is \$5.0 million. The estimated costs for grandstand and press box renovations, artificial turf installation, and the addition of field lights are shown in Table 1. These costs include: A&E fees, contingencies, and miscellaneous facility renovations that will be scheduled and completed as funds permit. Funding for the project will come from private donations and from internal financing, which will be repaid by private donations. The estimated \$45,000 in total operating and maintenance costs will be funded through Saluki Athletics fees and ticket sales.

Table 1
SIUC Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium Renovation Project
Estimated Project Costs

<u>Grandstand & Press Box Renovations</u>	\$3.0 million
<u>Artificial Turf and Field Lights</u>	<u>2.0 million</u>
Total	\$ 5.0 million*

* Includes: A&E fees, contingencies, and miscellaneous facility renovations that will be scheduled and completed as funds permit.

Constituency Input/Decision-Making

This project has been endorsed by the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, and on December 13, 2012, the SIU Trustees unanimously approved the renovation project and the \$5.0 million budget.

Project Schedule

The construction phase of the stadium renovation project will begin in June 2013 with an expected completion date in August 2014. It is anticipated that the phases of the project will be completed as fundraising efforts are achieved and funds are available.

December 13, 2012	SIU Board of Trustees Approval
April 2, 2013	IBHE Consideration
May 9, 2013	BOT Award Contracts
June 2013- August 2014	Construction

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed this project and found it to be in accordance with the Board's *Noninstructional Capital Project Guidelines*, approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in August 2002, and administrative rules. The project is consistent with the mission and scope of the institution; provides needed additional, replacement, or more efficiently utilized space; and is economically feasible, as required by administrative rules.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the non-instructional capital project included in this item.

