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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:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Athletics Facilities Upgrades – Football \$93,150,000
Performance Center Addition and Track
and Soccer Complex

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the non-instructional capital project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to upgrade its athletics facilities.

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC or the University) is seeking Illinois Board of Higher Education approval of the project presented in this item in order to proceed. This item provides details regarding the projects' scope, cost and funding source, campus input, and schedule.

<u>Institution/Project</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>
1) University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana: Athletics Facility Upgrades – Football Performance Center Addition and Track and Soccer Complex	\$93,150,000

Statutory Citation and Requirement:

110 ILCS 205/8 of the Board of Higher Education Act outlines procedures for annual budget and capital development and approvals among the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, and the public universities. Guidelines for university non-instructional capital items are referenced as follows:

“Each State university must submit its plan for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to the Board for approval before final recommendations are made if the total cost of the project as approved by the institution’s board is in excess of \$2 million. Non-instructional uses shall include but not be limited to dormitories, union buildings, field houses, stadium, other recreational facilities and parking lots. The Board shall determine whether or not any project submitted for approval is consistent with the master plan for higher education and with instructional buildings that are provided for therein. If the project is found by a majority of the Board not to be consistent, such capital improvement shall not be constructed.”

Project Background and Scope

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at UIUC proposes facility upgrades and additions to the existing football and soccer and track facilities. The new Football Performance Center will be located immediately east of Memorial Stadium and be connected to the south end of the existing Irwin Indoor Practice Facility. The new three level 107,000 GSF facility will be built on a portion of existing grass practice fields east of Memorial Stadium at an estimated cost of \$79,200,000. The Performance Center will house football team rooms, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and sports training areas, along with coach’s offices and football operations.

The Soccer and Track Complex (\$13,950,000) will provide for permanent facilities for both programs. Two new soccer fields will be constructed; one for game action and one for practice. The existing track will be rebuilt to provide a new track surface. The stadium portion of the project will be located between the track and soccer fields. The new stadium will provide

seating that will provide sightlines to both the track and soccer venues. The stadium will also house team locker rooms, meeting spaces, student lounge and study spaces, coach's offices, along with team operation support spaces including sports medicine and nutrition facilities.

Project Rationale

The UIUC Division of Intercollegiate Athletics is seeking to invest in facility improvements as they are committed to providing the student athletes with the resources required to realize their full potential as students, athletes, and well-rounded citizens. Driving the football performance center is the need to update the outdated football facilities. Today's program bears little resemblance to that which existed 30 years ago, when the current football operations complex was constructed. Improvements to technology and methodology have changed the way players and coaches interact, train, prepare, and recover. Advancements in sports medicine and strength training have outpaced the current facilities ability to house them. The women's soccer and men's and women's track and field teams have been operating without a permanent home for many years. The track was relocated from Memorial Stadium in the late 1980's to its current location. The soccer field has been in use since the late 1990's when women's soccer was initiated as an intercollegiate sport. The current configuration does not include any permanent facilities and amenities and the teams have to traverse from other facilities off site to their own "home facility". Neither sport has locker rooms, training, sports medicine, nutrition, and coach's offices on site.

Project Cost and Financing – (Institutional Funds and Debt Issuance)

1. \$79,200,000 – Football Performance Center funded by Bond Issuance with significant portion of gift funds; and
2. \$13,950,000 – Track Soccer Stadium funded with at least seven million dollars in gifts.

Constituency Input/Decision-Making

This fall the University began its most ambitious fund raising campaign in conjunction with its 150th year with a \$2.25 billion fund raising campaign. The UIUC Division of Intercollegiate Athletics impacts many areas of the University and serves as a wide reaching marketing and advertising operation that is positioned to boost the institution's visibility. As part of the With Illinois Campaign to raise private gift support for the broader University, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has an ambitious goal to raise \$300 million dollars to enhance student athlete support and experience along with a goal of raising funds for infrastructure improvements. Each of these projects will have a portion of the funding generated from private gifts. At least seven million dollars have already been pledged at this time toward the Soccer and Track Stadium project and private funds are being secured to aid in the construction of the Football Performance Center. The Board of Trustees has given support for each of these projects advancing them at each respective step.

This project was acted on by the Board of Trustees at its January 19, 2017, July 13, 2017, and January 25, 2018 board meetings.

Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the project presented in this item and found it to be in accordance with the Board's *Non-Instructional 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 as included in this item.

