Subject: Indoor Practice Facility for Intercollegiate Football

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is proposing to construct a new field house to address the need for a more functional indoor practice field for football. The proposed site for the new building is adjacent to Schembechler Hall along State Street (see attached map) and is currently an outdoor football practice area. The outdoor practice area will be moved to the adjacent soccer fields as a part of this project. The soccer fields will be reconstructed on a new site near the tennis facility as part of a separate project being presented to the Regents this month.

An approximately 104,000 gross square foot building is proposed, along with approximately 3,000 gross square feet of renovations to Schembechler Hall. The facility will include a full size indoor football practice field, as well as a lobby, vestibule, restrooms, and storage space. The project will also include the addition of approximately 20 new parking spaces.

The estimated cost of the project is $26,100,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources and gifts. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The architectural firm of Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Regents approve the New Indoor Practice Facility for Intercollegiate Football project as described and authorize commissioning Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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