

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
April 18, 2013

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Student Fee to renovate University Unions and Recreational Sports Facilities

Action

Requested: Approval of fee assessment of \$65 per student per term

Background:

The University of Michigan has long been a national leader in providing facilities, programs and services for student leadership and all members of the campus community. Buildings created for this purpose are heavily used and in need of restoration.

The University of Michigan created the nation's first student recreation program in 1913; built the nation's first student recreation center in 1928; and helped form the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association in 1950. Today, Recreational Sports manages the Intramural Sports Building (IMSB: constructed in 1928), Central Campus Recreational Building (CCRB: constructed in 1976), North Campus Recreational Building (NCRB: constructed in 1976), and 38 acres of outdoor playing surfaces. Recreational Sports facilities receive over 1 million individual visitors annually, and the department organizes intramural sports for 18,000 students, competitive club sports for 2,000 students, and serves 3,000 faculty, staff, and alumni members.

Similarly, the University of Michigan helped form the Association of College Unions International in 1914, constructed the Michigan Union, the third oldest student union facility in the nation, in 1919; and constructed the Michigan League in 1928. The Michigan Union has long been the site of historic University events and favorite student memories, from John F. Kennedy announcing the formation of the Peace Corp on its steps and Dr. Martin Luther King discussing civil rights with students in its meeting rooms, to Twitter founder Dick Costello hosting Open Mic Nights as a student in its social spaces. Today, the Michigan Union hosts over 2 million individual visitors annually, and is a central hub of support for 1,400 student organizations as well as thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.

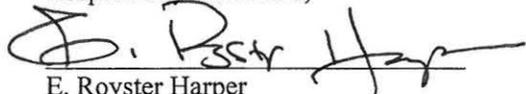
The estimated cost for Recreational Sports and University Unions projects is \$173 million, with funding shared about evenly by students and other University sources to appropriately reflect regular use by all campus stakeholders. As each building project is finalized, Action Requests will be presented to the Board of Regents per our normal process. In summary, the goals for each building are as follows: repair infrastructure and restore the architecture of IMSB; repair infrastructure, renovate, and construct a small addition to CCRB; repair infrastructure and improve student spaces in Michigan Union; construct a small addition to NCRB; improve playing surfaces and safety at Mitchell Fields; and update customer spaces in Pierpont Commons Cafeteria. Sensitivity to architectural preservation and restoration will be included.

Central Student Government voted to unanimously endorse a student fee of \$65 per student per term for these projects, and has broad support among school and college governments, and the general student body.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University Unions and Recreational Sports Facility Improvement Fee of \$65 beginning FY15.

Respectfully submitted,



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