ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Crisler Arena Expansion

Action Requested: Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the January 2011 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the Crisler Arena Expansion project and the appointment of TMP Architecture and Sink Combs Dethlefs as the architects for its design. Built in 1967, Crisler Arena is a multi-purpose venue used for academic, athletic, and entertainment events. In October 2010, the Board of Regents approved a renovation of the arena’s core infrastructure and replacement of spectator seating, with a seating capacity of approximately 12,800. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics now proposes to further renovate and expand Crisler Arena. New construction of approximately 63,000 gross square feet will create new spectator entrances, retail spaces, ticketing areas and a private club space. Renovation of approximately 54,000 gross square feet will accommodate accessible seats, improve circulation and egress, increase the number of restrooms and concession areas, and add other fan amenities. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. The project will temporarily displace approximately 120 parking spaces during construction and will permanently displace approximately 25 spaces upon completion. This loss will be accommodated as part of the strategic parking and transportation plan for South Campus.

The estimated cost of the project is $52,000,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources. 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 Board of Regents. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the schematic design for the Crisler Arena Expansion project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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