Subject: Crisler Arena Renovation

Action Requested: Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the January 2010 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the Crisler Arena Renovation 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 with a seating capacity of approximately 13,800 used for academic, athletic, and entertainment events. The arena has received minor renovations since construction, and we now propose addressing its highest priority infrastructure needs, including life safety, mechanical and electrical. The project will include: replacement of the roof and asbestos abatement as needed; new fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems; a new smoke evacuation system; emergency egress lighting; replacement of the heating and ventilation units; and building electrical system upgrades. The project will also replace the seats in the lower bowl, including the addition of seating meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as relocate and widen aisles and add hand rails to the aisles. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $20,000,000. 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 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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