Subject: Pierpont Commons Café Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

University Unions, a unit of Student Life, proposes improvements to the Commons Café in Pierpont Commons on North Campus. A renovation of approximately 10,500 gross square feet within the café’s servery, dining areas, and adjacent corridors is planned that will provide upgraded finishes and seating, four new culinary stations, and select upgrades to infrastructure including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and networking systems. The renovated spaces will revitalize the café and increase dining and study space for students in the North Campus community. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $5,300,000. Funding will be provided from the Student Life Student Fee for Facility Renewal. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SHW Group will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 18 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Pierpont Commons Café Renovation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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