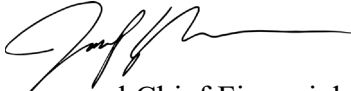


April 17, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA 
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Project Budget for Field House – Old Rec Center Renovation
(Final: \$ 15,500,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the Final Budget of \$15,500,000, as detailed in the attached project budget, for the Field House – Old Rec Center Renovation project. This reflects an increase of \$7,000,000 to the previously approved Design budget of \$8,500,000. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$10,625,000 in UCONN 2000 Bond Funds, \$3,000,000 in University Funds and \$1,875,000 in Gift Funds, for the Final Phase of the Field House – Old Rec Center Renovation project.”

BACKGROUND:

The Geyer Gymnasium was used by the Student Recreation Center before new recreation facility opened in 2019. This project will renovate the vacated gymnasium space to meet the academic needs of the Student Athlete Success Program (SASP) consistent with the university’s “Student Success Journey” initiative to support all UConn students in achieving their academic goals. The renovation will also provide additional space for the Department of Kinesiology, address Title IX requirements for various athletics teams, and support the programmatic needs of the Athletics.

The Geyer Gymnasium renovations represent the largest part of the project and will also necessitate re-allocation and renovation of smaller spaces within the adjacent connecting buildings, the Wolff-Zackin Natatorium and Greer Fieldhouse. Interior work includes approximately 105,000 sf of renovations to create new tutor rooms, study areas, teaching areas, offices, team rooms, strength & conditioning, hydrotherapy, rehabilitation, recovery, biomechanical analysis, training, practice areas, and locker rooms. Exterior renovations will include approximately 23,000 sf of new roofing and rooftop mechanical units, and 23,000 sf of masonry repairs, a new accessible entrance, and access to public restrooms for Sherman Field events.

The Design Phase of the Field House – Old Rec Center Renovation has been completed for the first phase of construction, and design of the second phase is anticipated to be complete by fall 2024. The first phase of construction is scheduled to begin spring 2025 and conclude in fall 2025. The second phase of construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2025 and conclude in spring 2027. This current Final Phase request is for monies for the full design of both Phases of the project, and construction of Phase 1 only. Additional funding will be requested in the Fall 2024 for Phase 2 of the project, which will be much larger.

The Final Budget is attached for your information and reflects an increase of \$7,000,000 to start the first phase of construction.

Attachment