Subject: Player Development Center for Intercollegiate Basketball

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Currently the men’s and women’s intercollegiate basketball teams share practice space in Crisler Arena with each other, and are subject to practice time conflicts at Crisler with women’s gymnastics meets and other University-sponsored programs. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is proposing to construct a new player development center adjacent to Crisler Arena to address the need for more functional training and practice space for the men’s and women’s basketball programs (see attached map).

An addition of approximately 50,000 gross square feet to Crisler Arena for the player development center is proposed. The new facility will house two new basketball practice courts that will provide better scheduling flexibility related to the academic schedules for student athletes as well as offer a complement of services not currently available to the teams. The project will include team locker areas, strength and conditioning space, athletic medicine space, and coaching and staff offices. The proposed addition will temporarily displace approximately 150 parking spaces during construction and will permanently displace approximately 60 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 $23,200,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources and gifts. 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 Regents. The architectural firm of Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Player Development Center for Intercollegiate Basketball project as described and authorize commissioning Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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