

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Palmer Drive Commons Building

Action

Requested: Approval of Revised Budget and Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award a Construction Contract

Background:

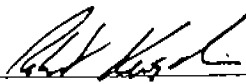
At the April 2000 meeting, the Board of Regents authorized the Palmer Drive Commons Building project and commissioning of the architects/engineers. At the September 2000 meeting the Board approved the schematic design and the budget was estimated at \$32,000,000. We are now proposing increasing the budget by \$1 million to accommodate an additional 6,500 square feet in the building and putting this building's construction contracts out for bids.

This building will include dining facilities, retail, conference and academic spaces, offices for the Central Power Plant and a Department of Public Safety satellite office. It will contain approximately 99,500 gross square feet in six stories, with one story located partially below grade. The building will also have a rooftop penthouse and house the central chiller plant for the Life Sciences Institute Building, Palmer Drive Commons Building, Walgreen Drama Center, and the Science Instruction Center Building as well as any future construction. Parking needs associated with this project will be accommodated in the Palmer Drive Parking structure.

The estimated cost of the project is \$33,000,000. Funding will be provided from central administration sources. 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.

We recommend the Regents approve the revised budget of \$33,000,000, and authorize issuing the Palmer Drive Commons Building project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

April 2001

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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