

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Women's Gymnastics Facility

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The women's gymnastics program over the past ten years has finished consistently among the top ten teams in the country including eight Big Ten Titles. Approximately forty National Association of Collegiate Gymnastic Coaches / Women Academic All-Americans have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or better. The current Women's Gymnastics Practice Facility located in the Coliseum Building was last renovated ten years ago and falls significantly short of meeting current requirements for training. It is outmoded and lacks sufficient space for needed equipment such as in-ground pits used for both training and competition. More space is required for mounting and landing from equipment as the athletes advance in their skill levels. State-of-the-art training facilities are needed in order to attract and keep high caliber gymnasts.

A new facility is being proposed for a site adjacent to the tennis facility located on South State Street. The facility will be approximately 20,000 gross square feet and will include open space for training as well as locker rooms, exercise rooms and offices. We estimate an additional 20 parking spaces will be needed for this new building project. There are sufficient spaces in this area of campus to accommodate the increased demand.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3.2 million. Funding will be provided from a pledged donation of \$3.5 million over the next six years that will include \$300,000 to cover life cycle maintenance of the building and contingency support. 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 David W. Osler Associates, Inc. is proposed to be the architect for the design of the project. The design is scheduled to begin immediately allowing construction to start April 2001 and be completed by spring 2002.

We recommend the Regents approve the Women's Gymnastics Facility Project as described and authorize commissioning David W. Osler Associates, Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

November 2000
Attachment

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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