

May 10, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: University of Utah – Non-State Funded Scoreboard Project Approval

Issue

As required by Regent Policy R702, *Non-State Funded Projects* the University of Utah requests authorization to proceed with a non-state funded project to upgrade the scoreboard system in the Jon M. Huntsman Center.

Background

Regent policy R702 requires the Board to review capital development or improvement projects requiring State Building Board or Legislative approval. State statute (63A-5-104) delegates authority to the State Building Board to approve capital projects without legislative approval if the requesting institution does not use state funding sources for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility. The University of Utah proposes to use donations and athletic revenues to fund the replacement of the scoreboard system in the Jon M. Huntsman Center arena.

The project will replace and upgrade the existing scoreboards and communication systems in the arena and will provide additional scoreboards around the arena. The anticipated cost of the project is \$4,100,000 funded with donations and athletics or auxiliary revenues. No state appropriated funds will be used in the design or construction of this project and future operation and maintenance costs will be funded through revenues from athletics and auxiliary revenue.

Additional information about the project is provided in the attached letter from the University. Representatives from the University will be present at the meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize the University of Utah to present this proposal to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment

May 2, 2017

Mr. David Buhler
Commissioner
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Buhler:


The University of Utah requests approval to upgrade the scoreboard system in the Jon M. Huntsman Center. The current scoreboard has worked well for many years but has begun to fail. This project will replace the existing scoreboards in the center of the arena as well as install additional auxiliary boards around the periphery of the arena. It includes communication, electrical and structural work necessary to support the new boards. In addition to providing a reliable video board system, this will greatly enhance spectator viewing while also leveraging revenue stream opportunities with sponsors.

The total estimated cost of this project is \$4.1 million. No state funds will be used for this addition for the project cost, future O&M or future improvements. It will be funded entirely with donations and other athletics and auxiliaries revenues. This work is consistent with the University's approved master plan.

We expect to receive approval by the University's Board of Trustees prior to the Regents meeting. We will withdraw this request if Trustee approval is not received. We request that this be presented to the Board of Regents for approval during the May 19, 2017 meeting.

Thanks, as always, for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



John E. Nixon

c: David W. Pershing
Patricia A. Ross
Dr. Kimberly Henrie
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