March 21, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: University of Utah – Soccer and Lacrosse Field Non-State Funded Project

Issue

As required by Regent Policy R702, Non-State Funded Projects the University of Utah (U) requests Board authorization to proceed with a non-state funded project to construct a women’s soccer and men’s lacrosse field, including infrastructure, for a future stadium for $4,500,000.

Background

Regent policy R702 requires the Board to review capital projects requiring State Building Board or Legislative approval. State statute (63A-5-104) defines capital projects with more than $500,000 of new space as “capital developments” and allows the State Building Board to approve those projects without legislative approval if the project does not use state funding sources for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility.

The current Ute Soccer field is located at the proposed site for the new student housing and dining project between the student life center and the honors housing complex. In order to best situate both the student housing and the sports field, the U proposes to move the women’s soccer field to take advantage of space and amenities by the existing Dumke Softball stadium. The project will include space for both women’s soccer and men’s lacrosse fields, lighting, and fencing. Site and utility work for a future stadium will also be included in the project scope as well as provisional seating until funds are secured to construct a stadium. The project cost is projected at $4,500,000 funded from donations and other non-appropriated university funds. No state funds will be used in the design, construction, operation, maintenance or improvement of the project.

The University’s Board of Trustees approved this project in their March 13, 2018 meeting. Additional information about the project is provided in the attached letter from the University, map of the proposed site, and artist rendition of the project. Representatives from the U 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 the Women's Soccer and Men's Lacrosse Field project to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

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David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachments
March 7, 2018

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

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

The University of Utah requests approval to construct a new Women’s Soccer and Men’s Lacrosse Stadium. The new stadium and field will be located west of the existing Dumke Family Softball Stadium. This will allow for shared usage of existing concessions and restroom facilities at the Softball Stadium.

The requested project will construct the new soccer/Lacrosse field to comply with NCAA requirements for a competition field with lighting appropriate for television broadcasting. The project also includes a warm up area, field fencing, initial provision for seating, and fencing. Site and utility preparation for a future stadium will also be addressed. Further development of the stadium will be pursued at a future date once funding is secured.

The proposed total project budget is $4,500,000 and will be funded by donations and other University funds. No state funds will be used for this project, future O&M or future improvements. These are funded entirely through donations and other operational revenues of the University other than state funds. This addition is consistent with the University’s approved master plan.

We are seeking approval by the University’s Board of Trustees in their meeting on March 13. 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 March 29, 2018 meeting.

Thanks, as always, for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

John E. Nixon  
Vice President for Administrative Services

Enclosure

cc: David W. Pershing  Kimberly Henrie  
Robin Burr  Richard Amon  
Chris Hill
Women’s Soccer & Men’s Lacrosse Stadium