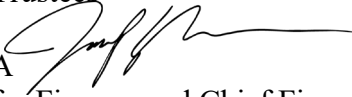


October 25, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA 
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Project Budget for the School of Nursing Building (Design: \$5,400,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the Design Budget of \$5,400,000, as detailed in the attached project budget, for the School of Nursing Building. This represents an increase of \$3,400,000 to the previously approved Planning budget of \$2,000,000. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$5,400,000 in State GO Bond funds for the School of Nursing Building.”

BACKGROUND:

The School of Nursing currently resides in Storrs Hall, a historic building constructed in 1906. In 2012, an expansion was added to accommodate the growing needs of the School, resulting in a total of 51,000 gross square feet. Due to the continued growth of the School's programs, the existing building can no longer adequately fulfill the School's requirements in terms of size and spatial configuration.

The goal of this project is to construct a new building for the School of Nursing to accommodate an increased enrollment and to address the shortage of nurses, the changing nature of health care, and the increasing disparity in health outcomes. The new building will be strategically located near the existing Brain Imaging Research Center, aligning with the vision outlined in the 2015-2035 Campus Master Plan.

The selected Design Team will plan and design a new facility for the School of Nursing in the chosen location. Additionally, a Construction Manager will be retained to assist with the project logistics, cost estimates, constructability and cost savings solutions, and bidding. The project will utilize the traditional design-bid-build delivery method.

The School of Nursing Building project is currently in the Design Phase with design anticipated to be completed in Summer 2024, followed by bidding. Construction is anticipated to begin in late Fall 2024 and be completed in Summer 2026.

The project will meet the High-Performance Building requirements and be registered for LEED Gold.

The Design Phase Budget is attached for information.

Attachment