

Board Meeting
January 19, 2006

ROLL CALL

INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET FOR SANDI PORT ERRANT LANGUAGE AND
CULTURE LEARNING CENTER AT GRANT HALL, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Project Budget Increase for Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Learning Center at Grant Hall, Chicago

Funding: Gift Funds and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

In June 2005, the Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Learning Center at Grant Hall project was approved at \$4,500,000 for comprehensive remodeling. In addition to remodeling the interior spaces of the building, this project will include complete replacement of the exterior walls, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. The renovated facility will present a more welcoming environment both within and outside the classroom; provide learning spaces that are flexible, functional, and attractive; offer places for students to study and relax; and feature year-round heating and cooling with maximum energy efficiency.

Grant Hall is one of nine similar three-story campus buildings. These buildings, designed by SOM, are part of the original campus construction. During the design and design review process, an important consideration has been the desire to develop a new building envelope that respects the original design, will coexist harmoniously with the other similar buildings on campus, and be a model for how similar

buildings will be improved in the future. It was also felt important to enclose the existing deteriorating poured-in-place concrete frame to eliminate continued deterioration of the concrete that is apparent on all similar buildings on campus. With these issues in mind, it has been determined that the most desirable design option is to position the exterior new window wall to the outside of the structure with a design that reflects the 2.5 foot grid of the original buildings. Moving the exterior wall to the outside of the structure satisfies the design and ongoing maintenance concerns noted above and also increases the usable square footage of the building. The result is a more costly project.

In order for the project to proceed for the bidding of construction, the Chancellor at Chicago with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board approve the increase in project budget for the Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Learning Center at Grant Hall project to \$5,140,000, an increase of \$640,000.

The project will be funded from gift funds and institutional funds operating budget of the Chicago campus.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.