Action: Increase Project Budget for Renovation, Natural History Building

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and Gift Funds

In December 2011, the Board approved the $70.0 million project to modernize and repurpose instructional, research laboratory, and office space, while also infilling open courtyard space with new multi-story areas for building infrastructure. In March 2014, the Board approved a $3,435,091 budget increase to the project for improvements and upgrades to infrastructure including plumbing, laboratory exhaust, electrical systems, code compliant facility requisites, and energy efficient mechanical (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems. In September 2015, the Board approved an additional $3.0 million budget increase to the project for extensive unforeseen conditions encountered in this over 120-year-old historic facility, including structural damage from previous fires, unstable frozen concrete floors, unexpected wall penetrations, and cinder fill containing hazardous material. Although efforts were made to support only changes that are vital and necessary to the project, the extent of the unforeseen conditions identified as part of the second budget increase and those ongoing,
such as floor moisture mitigation and recognized project schedule extensions due to the associated delays, the existing project budget is no longer sufficient. Consequently, in order to complete this project, an additional $1.9 million is required.

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board approve the increase in project budget for this project to $78,335,091, an increase of $1.9 million.

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.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.