

Board Meeting
May 11, 2006

ROLL CALL

PROJECT BUDGET FOR AN ADDITION TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE,
ROCKFORD, FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Project Budget for an Addition to College of Medicine, Rockford, for the National Center for Rural Health Professions, Chicago

Funding: Federal and State Appropriations, Private Gifts, and Institutional Funds from the Operating Budget of the University

Since 2003, the Board has considered the need for additional space for the National Center for Rural Health Professions at the College of Medicine at Rockford. In November 2003, the Board approved the project description for an addition to the extant College of Medicine building, contingent upon funding from the State, the federal government and private gifts.

Also in November 2003 the Board approved employment of the architect/engineer to design the addition. In September 2004, the Board approved the specific site location and the design for the facility. The design includes remodeling and an addition to the College of Medicine building to provide: a 100-seat auditorium, administrative space for the Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy and the School of Public Health, space for health systems research, improved space for research, a library, a computer lab, a wet lab, and an area for teaching clinical skills.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$31.3 million. Federal funds in the amount of \$2.175 million have been received to assist in completing the project, with the expectation that other funding sources would also be provided. The University has listed this project among its top ten capital priorities for the last few years and approximately \$600,000 in state repair and renovation funds have been allocated to the project; however, no other State funds for capital projects have been available. A small amount of private gifts have been secured, and development efforts for additional private support continue.

Accordingly, the President of the University recommends that the Board approve a project budget of \$31.3 million and that \$14.25 million in institutional funds shall be committed to the project in FY2007. Continuing efforts will be made to secure the remaining funding required from private gifts and federal, State, and community sources.

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.