

Board Meeting  
May 14, 2014

ROLL CALL

INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET FOR CURTIS GRANDERSON STADIUM,  
CHICAGO

**Action:** Increase Project Budget for Curtis Granderson Stadium

**Funding:** Gift Funds

In May 2013, the University of Illinois at Chicago received Board approval to proceed with the \$7.0 million project and design of the Curtis Granderson Stadium as a result of a gift from alumnus, Curtis Granderson. The 14,114 square foot open-air, brick and stone clad ballpark will feature 1,200 chair back seats and grassy berms for fan seating and is located at Les Miller Field south of the Physical Education Building along Roosevelt Road. Granderson Stadium will be the home for UIC Flames Baseball and will serve area youth and the Chicago community. Subsequent to this approval, the project scope has increased to include a complete earthen berm and associated retaining walls and fencing around the entire outfield, upgraded seating, upgraded seating bowl construction including precast concrete floor planks in lieu of aluminum floor planks, upgraded entertainment suite, upgraded press box and associated video and broadcasting equipment, and upgraded concessions area. Additional costs have been incurred for extreme winter conditions in order to open the project for the grand opening on April 17,

2014, plus additional costs to remove special soils from the urban backfill that was buried under the construction site when the “old neighborhood” was demolished.

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, 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 \$9,950,000, an increase of \$2,950,000.

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 gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.