

Board Meeting
May 29, 2013

ROLL CALL

DESIGNATE THE CURTIS GRANDERSON STADIUM, APPROVE PROJECT AND
DESIGN FOR CURTIS GRANDERSON STADIUM, CHICAGO

Action: Designate the Curtis Granderson Stadium, Approve Project and Design for the Curtis Granderson Stadium

Funding: Gift Funds

In February 2013, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) alumnus and New York Yankee, Curtis Granderson, pledged the funding for a new, multi-million dollar baseball stadium on the Chicago campus. It is recommended that the proposed new stadium be named the Curtis Granderson Stadium in recognition of the gift provided for this project.

The open-air, brick-and-stone-clad ballpark will allow flexibility and easy pedestrian movement. It will feature 1,200 chair-back seats and two grassy berms for fan seating, plus one level of disability seating and another level with enhanced press amenities. The site for the ballpark at Les Miller Field is located to the south of the Physical Education Building along Roosevelt Road, just to the west of Newberry Avenue and to the east of the UIC Police Station along Maxwell Street.

This ballpark, named the Curtis Granderson Stadium, will be home

for UIC Flames Baseball. More importantly, the facility is also intended to serve area youth and the Chicago community. Partnerships with Major League Baseball (MLB), Chicago Public Schools, and various youth organizations will provide community access to the ballpark for a multitude of events.

MLB's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) and Urban Youth Academy (UYA) programs will be chief partners for Granderson's youth initiative. RBI has established more than 300 programs in more than 200 cities around the world since its inception in 1989. MLB and its 30 clubs have designated more than \$30.0 million to RBI. UIC is working with the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox to expand each of their ongoing RBI programs.

UIC will also work with RBI to inject an educational component. UIC's history of implementing educational programs for at-risk youth will mesh with the life-skills programming in the RBI and UYA models.

In order for the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the design. The design meets all campus building standards, including Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility and applicable standards.

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 14,114 square foot proposed new facility be approved with a budget of \$7.0 million and the design be approved.

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.