INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET FOR ATKINS TENNIS CENTER AND EICHELBERGER FIELD EXPANSION, URBANA

Action: Approve an Increase to the Project Budget for the Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field Expansion, Urbana

Funding: Gift Funds and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

In November 2005, the Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field Expansion project was approved at $5,400,000, for upgrading the tennis facilities (Atkins Tennis Center) and softball facilities (Eichelberger Field) by providing improved and expanded accommodations for student athletes, coaching staff, and patrons of tennis and softball.

During the design phase of the project, additional unforeseen costs from utility design phase work and changes requested by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics have been identified. These include additional square footage for an office, storage, therapy, training, and a pro shop. In addition, improvements will be made to the press box areas for softball and tennis. In order to proceed with the project, it is necessary to increase the project budget to cover these additional costs.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board approve the increase in
project budget for Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field Expansion project to $6,400,000, an increase of $1,000,000.

Funds for this project are available from gift funds and, if necessary and on a temporary basis, the institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana campus. The University has secured firm commitments of gift funds. It is the University’s intention to use gift funds to reimburse any temporary use of institutional funds for the project.

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.