Approved by the Board of Trustees

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Board Meeting

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ROLL CALL

## APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET AND DESIGN FOR UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Project Budget and Design for Undergraduate Library

Redevelopment

**Funding:**  Institutional Funds Operating Budget, Academic Facility Maintenance

Fund Assessment, and Gift Funds

The Undergraduate Library (UGL) was designed and constructed in the late 1960s and dedicated in Fall 1969. Its unique design, featuring patron seating capacity of 1,899 persons over two underground levels, has facilitated undergraduate learning, collaboration, and research in the decades since.

Since its construction, there have not been any additions to the building. Renovations have included upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems to incorporate new controls technology, accessibility modifications to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and renovations in 1993 to the plaza level to ensure its water tightness.

The building currently serves as a library with collections and services designed to meet the specific needs of undergraduate students. As part of the overall multi-phase library redevelopment plan, those collections and services currently in the UGL will be relocated across the University Library system, including the Main Library, Grainger Library, and ACES Library. The UGL building will be redeveloped as an Archives and Special Collections Building to house elements of the University Archives, the Rare Book & Manuscript Library, and the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections.

In October 2020, the Library embarked on the schematic design and design development phases for the Undergraduate Library Redevelopment project. A design has been developed which positions the existing facility to serve a new role as an Archives and Special Collections Building and emerge as a focal point for scholarship and teaching in the center of campus that honors and protects these invaluable resources.

The building design will make updates to the entire building, including the existing Plaza Level with newly refreshed pavilions, a grade-level, enclosed loading dock with a new, dedicated, secure elevator for all three levels, and new pavers over a new roofing system; revised Upper Level room layouts with instructional spaces, reading room, offices, and research and processing support areas; and a revised Lower Level with high-density, vault storage to meet the current and future needs for storing archives and special collections. The existing gross square footage is 95,920 square feet. Of that, 59,703 square feet will be dedicated to program spaces supporting the building’s new function. The mechanical rooms have increased square footage to enhance humidity and temperature controls. The renovation will address life safety and accessibility issues, including a new public elevator in the west pavilion, a new exit stairwell on the east, and new doors exiting directly to the plaza level. The design meets all campus building standards, including the American with Disabilities Act, accessibility, and applicable State and federal standards, and is within the requested budget.

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Undergraduate Library Redevelopment into the Archives and Special Collections Building be approved with a budget of $50,198,160 and that the Project Design be approved.

The Board action recommended in these items comply 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 the Institutional Funds Operating Budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Academic Facility Maintenance Fund Assessment, and Gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.