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## ROLL CALL

### APPROVE PROJECT FOR FIRST FLOOR SOUTH REMODELING, RICHARD J. DALEY LIBRARY, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve First Floor South Remodeling, Richard J. Daley Library, Chicago

**Funding:** Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Funds, Gift Funds, and IT/Library Assessment Fee

This \$3,484,000 project is a remodeling project of the first floor south of the Richard J. Daley Library to develop a Learning Commons with a construction cost per gross square foot of \$142.47. The Learning Commons is intended to be a focal point of the Daley Library. It will encompass approximately 15,475 square feet (room 1-320 and adjacent spaces) and comprise a high-tech, state-of-the-art interactive learning space for students that would support 24-hour access. As such, the design will need to have a contemporary, high-tech image that both complements and softens the Netsch infrastructure. Some design concepts for this project have been suggested by students and will be the basis for design as it develops.

The Learning Commons will provide ready access to reference and technology help, computers and software applications, group and individual workspaces, classrooms, a seminar room, and comfortable seating. By integrating information resources, technology, and expertise, the Learning Commons is intended to maximize the

learning and social environment for Chicago campus students. It will create a single point of access to multiple services, including learning, writing, research, and technology, and it will foster cross-disciplinary collaborations.

The remodeling includes new seminar spaces, classrooms, study areas, faculty space, women's toilet facilities, and exit doors. New finishes will be provided as well as new lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electrical, telecom/data, furniture, security system, and Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Chicago with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the first floor south remodeling of the Richard J. Daley Library project 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 Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Funds, Gift Funds, and IT/Library Assessment Fee.

The President of the University concurs.