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ROLL CALL

# APPROVE PROJECT AND DESIGN FOR RENOVATE TAFT HALL, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Project and Design for Renovate Taft Hall

**Funding:** Institutional funds operating budget and Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment

The project consists of renovating the entirety of Taft Hall, including all interior spaces and exterior components, the façade/envelope, and the roof. It will also include a comprehensive remodeling of all building components and systems, including but not limited to architectural, HVAC, electrical, AV- and IT-related infrastructure, plumbing, and life safety. This project will also seek to remove and replace the existing exterior wall system. Renovating Taft Hall will provide the university with contemporary, functional learning spaces that support active learning and are flexible for hybrid learning. This project will achieve a minimum of LEED Gold certification.

In February 2022, the University of Illinois Chicago approved the $4,048,900 Renovate Taft Hall project. In October 2022, the University commenced a professional services consultant selection process. In May 2023, the Board of Trustees approved the award of a professional services consultant contract to Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning, P.C.of Chicago, IL for design services through the warranty phase.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board approve the Renovate Taft Hall project, with a budget of $27.7 million.

For the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the design. The design meets all campus building standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable State and federal standards, and is within the anticipated budget included herein for approval. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the design be approved.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago and the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment.

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 of Illinois System concurs.