

Board Meeting
May 21, 2009

ROLL CALL

INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET FOR ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER
ENGINEERING BUILDING, URBANA

Action: Increase Project Budget for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Building, Urbana (Capital Development Board Project)

Funding: State Capital Appropriation, Institutional Funds Operating Budget and Gift Funds

At the September 2008 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010, which included \$42.0 million from the State for the new Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Building. The Capital Development Board (CDB) had previously released \$3.0 million in January 2006 for planning and design purposes. The project was envisioned in two phases with Phase I budgeted at \$75.0 million, receiving \$45.0 million from the State, and \$30.0 million from private sources. A future Phase II was anticipated at \$20.0 million from other sources.

Subsequent progress in the programming and design of the project has indicated efficiency and economy by merging this into a single phase project. The CDB has recently added \$2.5 million to the budget for anticipated escalation due to inflation, bringing the total sum contributed by the State to \$47.5 million. Thus, the College of

Engineering has confirmed their commitment to provide matching donor funds in the amount of \$47.5 million. Therefore the total project budget is \$95.0 million.

This new LEED Silver-certified facility for the internationally acclaimed Department of ECE will provide integrated teaching and research. The multi-story plus basement facility will house a major portion of the ECE department and will consolidate programs and curricula from several other buildings on the north campus. The building will occupy a site directly south and west of the Beckman Institute and will complete the enclosure of the Oval Allee of the North Engineering Campus.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board approve the increase in project budget for this project to \$95.0 million, an increase of \$20.0 million.

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 State capital appropriated funds, institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana campus, and gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.