Approved by the Board of Trustees

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ROLL CALL

# APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET FOR COMPUTER DESIGN RESEARCH AND LEARNING CENTER, CHICAGO

# (Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve Project Budget for Computer Design Research and Learning

Center

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget, Gift Funds, and State Capital Appropriations

In July 2019, the Board approved the selection of Booth Hansen, Ltd. as the Professional Services Consultant to provide comprehensive design services for the Computer Design Research and Learning Center project. In March 2020, the Board approved the project design and an initial budget of $117.8 million. Subsequently, in January 2023, the Board authorized a revised budget of $124.8 million.

The project involves the construction of a new facility located west of Halsted Street, on the north side of Taylor Street, adjacent to the Science and Engineering Laboratories. The approximately 127,000-gross-square-foot building will serve as the new home for the Department of Computer Science. It will feature auditoria and lecture halls, classrooms, social and collaborative spaces, dry laboratories, faculty and staff offices, student organization spaces, and dedicated areas for special programs. The facility is designed to achieve LEED Gold certification.

During construction, the project encountered an unusually high number of unforeseen conditions. These included significant site obstructions, the relocation of Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) utility lines and City of Chicago water lines, unsuitable soil conditions, and substantial material cost escalation resulting from delays, inflation, and supply chain disruptions. To complete the project, an increase of $5.0 million to the project budget is required. This increase will be supported through State appropriations designated specifically for cost escalation, bringing the total revised project budget to $129.8 million.

Accordingly, for the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the budget for the Computer Design Research and Learning Center project be increased by $5.0 million for a total budget of $129.8 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 Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating

budget of the University of Illinois Chicago, gift funds, and State capital appropriations.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.