

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INDOOR BATTING PRACTICE FACILITY

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As a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Virginia Tech competes among the highest level of baseball competition in the NCAA. The University is in the process of enhancing its baseball program by working to attract and maintain high caliber athletes and coaches. Proper facilities are a critical element for a successful program, and the University has initiated important facility improvements over the past several years. However, the program lacks a critical facility, an indoor batting practice area.

To meet the training space expectations of the athletes and coaches, the University proposes to construct a new indoor batting practice facility as the best solution. The proposed Indoor Batting Practice Facility is envisioned as a 12,700 gross square feet two-story building including three indoor batting cages, two throwing lanes, restroom facilities, training spaces, and storage space. The storage space will serve the baseball program and the Marching Virginians, which will allow the removal of three temporary trailer storage units at the site. The building site is adjacent to English Baseball Field, and this project will address the critical practice needs of the baseball program. The project size, scope, and costs have been validated by recently completed detailed planning work and contractor pricing.

The estimated project cost inclusive of design, construction, and equipment is \$2.3 million. As with all self-supporting projects, the University has developed a financing plan to provide assurance regarding the financial feasibility of the project. This plan calls for the use of private, unrestricted gifts to the Athletics program. This fund source is sufficient to cover the proposed project costs. As a result, the University is confident that the financial plan is sufficient to move forward with the full project authorization. If any value engineering efforts are undertaken to adjust the program or size, the project budget will be adjusted accordingly.

Under the 2006 Management Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the University, the Board of Visitors has the authority to approve the budget, size, scope, and funding of nongeneral fund capital outlay projects. This request is for a full project authorization to move forward with design, construction, and equipment of the proposed \$2.3 million Indoor Batting Practice Facility.

**RESOLUTION ON CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE
INDOOR BATTING PRACTICE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the University's baseball program competes among the highest level in the NCAA; and,

WHEREAS, the existing practice facilities of the program do not provide the necessary training environment required to allow the program to compete successfully within the Atlantic Coast Conference; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Indoor Batting Practice Facility is envisioned as a 12,700 gross square feet, two-story building located adjacent to English Baseball Field including three indoor batting cages, two throwing lanes, restroom facilities, training spaces, and storage space; and,

WHEREAS, this project will address the critical practice facility needs of the baseball program; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost inclusive of design, construction, and equipment is \$2.3 million with a funding plan that includes private, unrestricted gifts to the Athletics program; and,

WHEREAS, funding for operations and maintenance and maintenance reserve is included as part of the University's normal auxiliary enterprise budget process and coordinated with the completion date of the facility; and,

WHEREAS, under the 2006 Management Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the University, the Board of Visitors has authority to approve the budget, size, scope, debt issuance, and overall funding of nongeneral funded major capital outlay projects; and,

WHEREAS, the University may address minor cost variances provided sufficient funds are available to support the full project costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University be authorized to move forward with a capital project to complete a \$2.3 million Indoor Batting Practice Facility funded entirely with nongeneral fund revenues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to move forward with an Indoor Batting Practice Facility be approved.

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