

Capital Project for Planning the Marching Virginians Practice Facility

JOINT FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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The university's 2012-2018 Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan approved by the Board of Visitors at its June 2011 meeting includes a nongeneral fund project called the Academic Music Building. The project is a high priority for the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (College), and the project remains an item on the university's 2014-2020 Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan.

At this time, the College is prepared to move forward with certain components of the project as a phase one implementation to accommodate the practice facility needs of the Marching Virginians. This phase envisions three components: a facility, a covered open air pavilion, and an artificial turf field. The facility would provide the Marching Virginians with an approximately 4,330 gross square foot building that will include restrooms, lockers, an instrument storage room, and a drum line room with storage for percussion instruments. To provide a shelter for the Marching Virginians during inclement weather, a 3,500 gross square foot outdoor covered pavilion will be attached to the main building. The open air pavilion will be able to accommodate 350 musicians. The artificial turf field will accommodate a lighted, soccer-size field, including sidelines and permanent striping.

The estimated total project costs of this phase, inclusive of design and construction, are \$4.75 million. The College has worked conjointly with Recreation Sports and Athletics on a collaborative shared use and funding plan to support this phase of the project. At this time, the university is requesting a planning authorization of \$400,000 for the project and funding sources are available and sufficient to cover these costs. A subsequent request for construction funding may be submitted after designs are underway and a firm scope and cost are determined.

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 \$400,000 planning authorization to move forward with design of the proposed Marching Virginians Practice Facility project.

**RESOLUTION ON CAPITAL PROJECT FOR PLANNING THE
MARCHING VIRGINIANS PRACTICE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, existing practice area for the Marching Virginians is an exposed natural turf field without indoor changing, restrooms, storage; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed solution is a project to construct an approximately 4,300 gross square foot building that will include restrooms, lockers, an instrument storage room, and a drum line room with storage for percussion instruments; and,

WHEREAS, a 3,500 gross square foot outdoor covered pavilion, capable of holding 350 musicians, will be attached to the main building to provide a shelter for the Marching Virginians during inclement weather; and,

WHEREAS, a lighted, soccer-size practice field with artificial turf including sidelines and permanent striping will be installed; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated project costs, inclusive of design and construction, are \$4.75 million; and,

WHEREAS, the College has worked conjointly with Recreation Sports and Athletics on a collaborative shared use and funding plan to support the project; 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, and 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 \$400,000 planning authorization for the Marching Virginians Practice Facility funded entirely with nongeneral fund revenues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to design the Marching Virginians Practice Facility be approved.

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