

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

### B. Finance and Audit Committee

*In Joint Session With*

### C. Capital Assets Committee

#### Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities Study - Architect

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration, the Finance and Audit and Capital Assets Committees that the President or the President's authorized representative be delegated authority to award a design contract for the Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities Study to HOK, in association with Weinstein A/U, subject to the successful negotiation of an architectural agreement.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is funding a study to undertake a comprehensive plan for the East Campus and to define and study specific projects including Husky Stadium, Graves Annex, circulation, access and parking, Sound Transit, landscape and other improvements. HOK must include planning and landscape architecture expertise on the team and undertake a collaborative process of planning and design in order to create an overall vision for the East Campus. Consultant providing other services such as market analysis, structural analysis and the like may also be included as needed.

At the University's sole discretion, the same consultant may be asked to provide further design for any or all of the projects indicated in the study. One purpose of the study is to develop a budget for facility improvements and to provide the basis for a funding development plan. Further design and construction of projects will be dependent on a successful funding plan.

The budget for the study has not been set and will be developed with the architect after a detailed scope of work is determined. It is anticipated that the study will take up to a year and cost between \$500,000 and \$800,000. It is not known if the study will result in the further development of a single design and construction project or multiple projects phased over a number of years, nor can a range of anticipated construction or project costs be determined at this time. That information will be brought to the Regents as it is developed and specific projects are proposed.

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Intercollegiate Athletics has also proposed the renovation and possible expansion of the Graves Annex building, which currently houses the student athlete weight training facility, offices for most coaches, and some administrative offices. Design work will be performed by the same architect concurrent with the study itself, and it is intended that the project go out for public bids later this year for construction in 2006. Total project costs are estimated to be \$6.5-7.5 million, depending on the final scope of the work. The scope of work is expected to include reconfiguring office and work areas, creating a reception and display area, additional meeting space, and potentially expanding the weight room and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Existing building systems will be re-used where possible.

On January 6, 2005, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing architectural services. A selection committee identified finalists for interviews on February 18, 2005, and interviews with the Architectural Commission took place on March 15, 2005. The selection committee included members of Intercollegiate Athletics, Capital Projects Office, the University's Architectural Advisor, and an at-large representative of the University.

HOK has extensive collegiate athletic planning experience for schools such as University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, University of Alabama and University of Maryland. They also have completed numerous stadium renovation and/or expansion projects including University of Oklahoma, Georgia Tech University, Pennsylvania State University and Virginia Tech University.

Funding for the study and the design of Graves Annex is available from the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.