



University of Connecticut
*Office of the Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer*

June 24, 2008

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Barry M. Feldman
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Lorraine M. Aronson
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Project Cancellation – Project Budget (Planning) for Library Storage Facility

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the cancellation of the project entitled Library Storage Facility described in a Project Budget (Planning) approved by the Board of Trustees on August 1, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

A Planning Budget in the amount of \$9,500,000 was approved by the Board of Trustees on August 1, 2007 for a project to construct a Library Storage Facility. Two million dollars of the total was allocated in the FY08 capital program. No funds have been expended to date.

This project was to provide climate controlled space for storage for the library and museums, and to house the data center, to be relocated from the Gant building.

Over the past year, in the course of developing the framework of the Gant relocation project, it has become apparent that there may be less costly alternatives to meet these program needs.

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August 1, 2007

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Barry M. Feldman, Ph.D.
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Lorraine M. Aronson
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: **Project Budget (Planning) for Library Storage Facility**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a Planning Budget in the amount of \$9,500,000 for new Library Storage Facilities to include a Data Center.

BACKGROUND:

The descriptive materials submitted to the Governor and General Assembly prior to their discussion of, and action on, Phase III of UCONN 2000 contained the following description of this project: "The University is running out of storage space in Babbidge Library for books and periodicals. Most universities have developed storage facilities out of the campus core to meet these needs to provide for efficient storage and access without using up prime campus real estate. A retrieval system is then implemented to meet requests for this material. This storage facility would be constructed at the Depot campus (the former Mansfield Training School). Also included in the facility would be a centralized 'Server Farm' to meet the University's growing computer needs."

The project is contemplated as a facility with a controlled interior environment suited to archival storage and sophisticated computer systems. This will address three significant needs: library storage, museum collection storage and a new data center. Use of a Depot Campus site will allow us to achieve two additional goals: freeing up prime campus space by locating certain administrative functions outside the campus core, and enabling the renovation of the Gant Building by relocating the University's Information Technology Services (UITS). The major renovations to the Gant Building are currently planned for FY 11 through FY 14.

This Planning Budget is attached for your consideration and approval.

Attachment

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CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET REPORTING FORM

TYPE BUDGET: PLANNING

PROJECT NAME: LIBRARY STORAGE FACILITY

<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PROPOSED PLANNING 8/1/2007</u>
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,000,000
DESIGN SERVICES	800,000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	-
FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT	-
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	-
OTHER AE SERVICES (including Project Management)	-
ART	-
RELOCATION	-
ENVIRONMENTAL	-
INSURANCE AND LEGAL	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-
OTHER SOFT COSTS*	800,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,600,000
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	900,000
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,500,000
 <u>SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING</u>	
UCONN 2000 PHASE III	\$ 9,500,000
TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDING	\$ 9,500,000

*Does not include Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.

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