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Undergraduate Library (UGL) – Phase 2 Student Success Hub

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts to move the Career Services Center and the Transfer Student Success Center to UGL with a project cost not to exceed \$800,000. Funding for this project will be provided by Reserve for Special Non-Recurring Funds (50%) and Academic Affairs Reserve Carry Forward Funds (50%).

Background and Project Description

The David Adamany Undergraduate Library, built in 1997, is one of our largest libraries and houses most of the student academic centers.

This project is phase 2 of a project that was approved by the Board at the September 29, 2023, meeting, namely Undergraduate Library (UGL) – Warrior 360 Academic Engagement Hub. This project will complete the integration of all student academic activities and support services in the Undergraduate Library, by moving Career Services and the Transfer Student Success Center to be integrated and co-located with the Academic Success Center, Warrior 360, Student Disability Services, University Advising Center, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Warrior Way Back, First-Year Experience programming, and Learning Communities.

The new space for the Career Service Center will feature offices, private interview rooms, simulation areas, a collaborative open space, and an accessible workshop to accommodate large groups of students. The project will also provide new offices to accommodate the Transfer Student Success Center move. Additionally, the project includes an accommodated testing center to bolster the testing program within Student Disability Services.

The Hub will serve as a welcoming, easy to navigate space that is conducive to learning and engagement and where students are able to study, interact with their peers, and access all student engagement and support services. It will also allow staff from the various academic affairs units to collaborate, innovate, and share resources, including career-integrated learning opportunities and practices. The Hub will also include spaces where employers can engage with students, faculty, and staff around career trends and opportunities.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures.

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Project Budget

Funding Source	
Reserve for Special Non-Recurring Funds	\$ 400,000
Academic Affairs Reserve Carry Forward Funds	\$ 400,000
TOTAL Sources	\$ 800,000
Expenditures Plan	
Construction and Moves	\$ 477,000
Furniture	\$ 228,000
Project Management	\$ 25,000
Contingency	\$ 70,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$ 800,000