

**Capital Project for Planning the Athletics Weight Room
Renovation and Expansion**

**JOINT FINANCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

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The Merryman Center is a 42,000 gross square foot athletic facility that was built and placed in service in 1998. The facility has received few improvements since its original construction, and requires an update to meet the Athletic department's expectations within the ultra-competitive environment for NCAA Division I college football. As a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Virginia Tech competes among the highest level of competition in the NCAA. Proper facilities are a critical element to attract and maintain high caliber student athletes and coaches. A renovation and expansion to the football program's weight facility and team meeting rooms will further enhance the football program to compete at the highest level.

The Athletics department completed a feasibility study for the program in January 2018. The study shows the desired program can be accommodated with an approximately 22,520 gross square foot project including a 17,640 gross square foot renovation of the first two floors of the Merryman Center and a 4,880 gross square foot expansion of the second floor team meeting rooms. The envisioned renovation and expansion will provide state-of-the-art spaces for weight training, nutrition, team meeting space, circulation, and an updated graphics package. This project will enhance the student athlete experience within the football program for both physical and mental preparation.

The Athletics program is raising private funds to support the project and has received gifts and commitments sufficient to support the planning phase of the project. The planning budget is \$700,000, and Athletics desires to move forward with a planning project while continuing to raise funds for the entire project.

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 \$700,000 planning authorization to complete working drawings for the Athletics Weight Room Renovation and Expansion project. A subsequent request for full project funding may be submitted after designs are underway and a firm scope, cost, funding plan, and schedule for the entire project are determined.

**RESOLUTION OF A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR
PLANNING THE ATHLETICS WEIGHT ROOM RENOVATION AND EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Virginia Tech competes among the highest level of competition in the NCAA; and,

WHEREAS, proper facilities are a critical element to attract and maintain high caliber student athletes and coaches; and,

WHEREAS, a feasibility shows the football weight room requires renovation and expansion to meet the expectations of athletes and coaches; and,

WHEREAS, the envisioned project scope includes a 22,520 gross square foot total project including 17,640 gross square foot renovation of the first two floors of the Merryman Center and 4,880 gross square foot expansion of the second floor; and,

WHEREAS, the Athletics program is raising private funds for the project and has received gifts and commitments sufficient to support the planning phase of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the planning budget is \$700,000, and Athletics desires to move forward with a planning project while continuing to raise funds for the entire project; and,

WHEREAS, the university is requesting a \$700,000 planning authorization to complete working drawings and to fund the planning project with 100 percent nongeneral fund resources derived from private gifts; and,

WHEREAS, the university may submit a subsequent request for full project funding after designs are underway and a firm scope, cost, funding plan, and schedule for the entire project are determined; 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,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the university be authorized to move forward with a \$700,000 planning authorization for the Athletics Weight Room Renovation and Expansion project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to plan the Athletics Weight Room Renovation and Expansion project be approved.

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