ACTION ITEM: Acceptance of the Maud F. Gatewood Studio Arts Building, Hall for Humanities and Research Administration, Recreational Running Track and Basketball/Volleyball Courts, EUC/Library Connector, Softball Stadium, Northeast Campus Infrastructure, Heating Plant Expansion and Efficiency Improvements, and Electrical Power Distribution Substation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 203-B(6) of the Code of the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro sets out four responsibilities of the Board in regard to property and buildings. One of these is “the final acceptance of all completed buildings and projects.”

Maud F. Gatewood Studio Arts Building

The Maud F. Gatewood Studio Arts Building is a new structure that was funded by the 2000 Higher Education Bond program. The building provides new and technically up-to-date spaces for the Art Department and the Department of Interior Architecture. Faculty moves into the new building were completed during the summer of 2006. Authorization for beneficial occupancy was received in July, 2006, and the building contains 99,084 square feet, at a cost of $18,013,674.

Hall for Humanities and Research Administration

The Hall for Humanities and Research Administration is a new structure that was funded by the 2000 Higher Education Bond program. The Humanities wing of the building houses departments that were inadequately served in the McIver building, and the Research Administration wing of the building houses research functions that were scattered in several campus buildings. Faculty and staff moves into the new building were completed during the early summer 2006. Authorization for beneficial occupancy was received in May, 2006, and the building contains 86,065 square feet, at a cost of $16,920,000.

Recreational Running Track and Basketball/Volleyball Courts

The Exercise Track provides an eight foot wide, paved walking and running track along the west side of the campus with lighted basketball and volleyball courts and 575 square foot pavilion. The project was funded from student fees, accepted for use by UNCG in January, 2006, at a cost of $852,200.
EUC/Library Connector

The EUC/Library Connector is an important addition to the campus that created a short, direct connection between the Library academic center of the campus and the student social center of the campus. The connector also solved a long term library access problem by creating a much needed west entrance to the library, and an access that was fully ADA compliant. The 3,160 square foot EUC/Library Connector was accepted for beneficial occupancy in January 2006, and funded from Student Fees at a cost of $1,600,000.

Softball Stadium

The UNCG Softball Stadium is a new addition to the athletic complex that was funded by student fees. The stadium is lighted, has spectator seating for 500, and meets all of the conditions for Division I NCAA softball competition. In addition, the project contains an indoor batting cage for both softball and baseball, and a grounds care equipment storage area for the equipment used to care for all of the athletic and practice fields on the west side of the campus. The Softball Stadium was accepted for occupancy in January, 2006 at a cost of $3,646,000.

Northeast Campus Infrastructure

The Northeast Campus Infrastructure addition to the campus is a project funded from the 2000 Higher Education Bond program. In addition to providing major East-West and North-South ADA access to all parts of the campus, the project provided pedestrian safety through Peabody Park, significantly shortened the time required to get to the Music Building from the academic core of the campus, provided improved fire fighting access to the high rise residence halls, and provided an important safety street alignment of McIver Street with East Lake Drive at Market Street. In addition to all of the functional improvements, the Northeast Campus Infrastructure project was a major campus beautification project. The project was completed in September, 2005, at a cost of $7,334,800.

Heating Plant Expansion and Energy Efficiency Improvements

While it may not have been the most exciting project of the ones that were funded by the 2000 Higher Education Bond program, the growth of the campus and the importance of high energy efficiency added a very important renovation to the campus. The steam plant received a new high pressure steam boiler, raising the number of boilers from three to four, and providing adequate capacity, with reserve for failure, that will serve the campus for a number of years. In addition, boiler controls and much of the auxiliary equipment was upgraded for fuel efficiency. The Steam Plant project was completed in August, 2005 at a cost of $4,148,000.
Electrical Power Distribution Substation

The Electrical Power Distribution Substation was funded from the 2000 Higher Education Bond program, and added a desperately needed new electrical substation for the campus. During the final months of the old substation there were many overcapacity failures and temporary fixes that provided the campus with electric power most of the time. The new substation receives power from two Duke Energy Co. substations that are located in different parts of Greensboro. The dual feed to the campus ensures a more reliable source of power to our substation. Although this project was accepted by the State, and has been in use since January 2005, it was not reported for acceptance last year because of technical difficulties that were not resolved until April, 2006. The cost of the new substation was $3,616,600.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro accept the Maud F. Gatewood Studio Arts Building, Hall for Humanities and Research Administration, Recreational Running Track and Basketball/Volleyball Courts, EUC/Library Connector, Softball Stadium, Northeast Campus Infrastructure, Heating Plant Expansion and Efficiency Improvements, and Electrical Power Distribution Substation in accordance with Section 203-B(6) of its code.

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