

Southern Illinois University  
Board of Trustees  
December 8, 2011

PLANNING APPROVAL:  
ABE MARTIN FIELD RENOVATION,  
CARBONDALE CAMPUS, SIUC

Summary

This matter seeks approval to develop plans for the renovation of Abe Martin Field. The project's architectural and/or engineering firm will develop the cost estimate during the design phase.

Rationale for Adoption

Located south of the SIU Arena, Abe Martin Field was constructed circa 1964. The field was named on April 30, 1972, in honor of Glenn "Abe" Martin, who retired in 1971 after 33 years of service, including 19 as head baseball coach. In 2000, improvements to Abe Martin Field included resurfacing of the entire outfield with Bermuda grass and a four tunnel, outdoor, carpeted hitting complex. A new scoreboard was installed in 2006.

This project will focus on renovations that include an artificial turf playing surface, new grandstands, lighting and infrastructure improvements. The Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process will be utilized to select an Architectural Engineering (A/E) firm to conduct programming, planning and design and develop cost estimates for this project.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed in multiple phases as fundraising efforts are achieved. Detailed planning, project and budget approval and the award of construction contracts will require further Board approval.

The nature of this project and its source of funding cause it to be classified as a non-instructional capital improvement. Therefore, if approved, it will be submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for review and approval.

Considerations Against Adoption

University officials are aware of none.

Constituency Involvement

Not pertinent.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, That:

(1) Development of plans for the design and renovation of Abe Martin Field, Carbondale Campus, SIUC, be and is hereby approved.

(2) Selection of an architectural and/or engineering firm, utilizing the QBS process, is hereby approved.

(3) A plan for phased construction shall be developed which corresponds with available revenue sources and matches fundraising achievements. The plan shall be approved by the President and Board Treasurer and subsequently submitted for Board approval before implementation.

(4) The President of Southern Illinois University be and is hereby authorized to take whatever action may be required in the execution of this resolution in accordance with established policies and procedures.