BOARD OF REGENTS

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December 13, 2019

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT GOLF TRAINING FACILITY

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve a capital project for the construction of a golf training facility on west campus. A donor advised fund (DAF) has been created and will be pre-funded with eight (8) million dollars allocated for construction and operating expenses for twelve (12) years. The facility will be funded 100% by donors (GameAbove). The donors (GameAbove) will consider an additional four (4) to eight (8) years of operational support at the conclusion of the twelve (12) year agreement. GameAbove wishes the facility to be named, "The GameAbove Golf Performance Facility" – dedicated to Bruce Cunningham, EMU Men's Golf Coach.

STAFF SUMMARY

This new facility will serve as the indoor training site for the University's Men's and Women's golf teams. The facility will encompass approximately 15,000 sq. ft. and include locker rooms, offices, indoor putting and chipping, and simulators to support both indoor and outdoor training. The building will provide the University's golf teams with a state of the art facility to train all elements of their game. This facility will allow the golf teams to train at a high level, even during inclement weather.

The facility will be constructed on the West Campus, with final site selection currently in process. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2020, with substantial completion expected later that year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the capital project will establish authorization for site preparation and construction costs for the golf training facility. As the project is funded with donor funds, including the operating costs, the University is expected to first realize operating costs in FY2033.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

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