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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott A. Jordan 
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RE: Gampel Pavilion Audio System Replacement

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase and installation of a new Gampel Pavilion Audio System for up to \$600,000, including contingency. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of up to \$600,000 in UCONN 2000 Bond funds for a new Audio System in the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion.”

BACKGROUND:

Harry A. Gampel Pavilion was constructed in 1990. The current audio system is original to the facility. Several of the current components (speakers, subwoofers, etc.) no longer function or function to only a limited portion of their full capacity. Additionally, one of the largest challenges in maintaining the system is that the main speaker cluster is suspended from the center of the Gampel dome. Unlike many venues today, which have a center-hung cluster that is raised and lowered to the ground level for service and upgrades, the current Gampel system does not move. The only way to reach the system for maintenance is through an extensive scaffolding build, which can cost approximately \$55,000-\$65,000 each time it is constructed on the Gampel court. A new Audio System has been designed to replace the entire current system, which will include a motorized truss system to allow for easier maintenance and future component upgrades. The benefits of this new system will be very noticeable in terms of the coverage and clarity for the multitude of events that take place in the Gampel Pavilion. This includes not only athletic events such as Men’s & Women’s Basketball or Women’s Volleyball but many University-wide events as well – Commencement, Open House, Career Fairs, Spring Concert, Engineering Senior Design, etc.

This initiative will be managed by Athletics and will begin in May 2019 with completion expected by August 2019. The budget of up to \$600,000 will be sourced from UCONN 2000 Bond funds and includes the purchase and installation of the new system along with the appropriate electrical and technological connections to University systems.

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