

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – G**  
**DATE: December 13-14, 2023**

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**SUBJECT**

**SDSU Soccer Competition Venue Preliminary Facility Statement (PFS)**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[SDCL § 5-14-1](#) – Classification of Capital Improvements

[SDCL § 5-14-2](#) – Supervision by Bureau of Administration of Capital Improvement  
Projects – Payment of Appropriated Funds

[SDCL § 5-14-3](#) – Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Capital Improvements –  
State Building Committees – Approval by Board or Commission in Charge of  
Institution

[BOR Policy 6.4](#) – Capital Improvements

[BOR Policy 6.6](#) – Maintenance and Repair

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

South Dakota State University requests approval of this Preliminary Facility Statement for planning of a new Soccer Competition Venue on the Main Campus of South Dakota State University.

A new intercollegiate competition soccer venue located on the main campus of South Dakota State University was identified as a long-term need for Athletics in a 2015 facilities assessment. The soccer team currently competes on the south side of Brookings at the Fishback Soccer Complex. The Fishback Soccer Complex is remote from campus and lacks adequate support facilities for intercollegiate sporting events.

The university is proposing a new venue that would include a competition field and support facilities for women’s soccer, baseball field, softball field, track & field throwing practice areas, and intramural events. The facility would also support athletic camps that utilize the outdoor fields located east of the Dana J. Dykehouse Stadium. The new competition field and support facilities would be located immediately south of the Heuther Baseball Field and north of the Oscar Performing Arts Center on the east side of Jackrabbit Lane. The long-term impact of a new facility would increase attendance, engagement, visibility, and

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**DRAFT MOTION 20231213\_7-G:**

I move to approve SDSU’s Preliminary Facility Statement for the planning of a new Soccer Competition Venue utilizing private donations. A building committee representative should be appointed to oversee this project.

donations for the women's soccer program, all of which contribute to the sustainability of the University's intercollegiate athletics programs.

### **IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A new facility would provide the University and the women's soccer team with a more connected, inviting, and active place for hosting competitive events. Furthermore, the new facility would enhance opportunities for student-athletes by giving them access to a dedicated locker room and team room. Events hosted at the baseball and softball fields would be enhanced through the shared use of locker rooms, restrooms, officials' changing room, and concessions. The facility would improve access to outdoor programming for intramural events by improving the overall condition of the outdoor athletic fields available for intramural activities and provide storage space for athletic training and maintenance equipment.

### **FUNDING**

The SDSU Soccer Competition Venue project would be funded with private donations and gifts made towards the project.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – SDSU Preliminary Facility Statement for Soccer Competition Venue New Construction

**PRELIMINARY FACILITY STATEMENT  
FOR  
SOCCER COMPETITION VENUE  
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**DATE: October 17, 2023**

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**South Dakota State University requests approval of this Preliminary Facility Statement and companion OSE work request for planning of a new Soccer Competition Venue on the Main Campus of South Dakota South Dakota State University. We request the appointment of a building committee and that an A/E consultant be selected and retained to provide Architecture & Engineering design services for this project. The University and design team would confirm the overall scope of the project, preliminary budget, site, and prepare fund raising documents to support the project. The scope of A/E services would include schematic design, design development, construction documentation, and construction administration services. The work request includes funding for schematic design services and would be modified after sufficient funding is in place to proceed with the full design and construction of the project.**

**A. GENERAL PROGRAMMATIC NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED:**

A new intercollegiate competition soccer venue located on the main campus of South Dakota State University was identified as a long-term need for Athletics in a 2015 facilities assessment. The soccer team currently competes on the south side of Brookings at the Fishback Soccer Complex. The Fishback Soccer Complex is a fine facility but is remote from campus and lacks adequate support facilities for intercollegiate sporting events.

The university is proposing a new competition venue and support facilities that would include a competition field and support facilities for women's soccer, baseball field, softball field, track & field throwing practice areas, and intramural events. The facility would also support athletic camps that utilize the outdoor fields located east of the Dana J. Dykehouse Stadium. The new competition field and support facilities would be located immediately south of the Heuther Baseball Field and north of the Oscar Performing Arts Center on the east side of Jackrabbit Lane. The long-term impact of a new facility would increase attendance, engagement, visibility, and donations for the women's soccer program, all of which contribute to the sustainability of the University's intercollegiate athletics programs.

**B. ANALYSIS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR CONSTITUENTS TO BE SERVED:**

Enhanced opportunities for engagement provided by a new facility would serve SDSU student-athletes, students, faculty, and staff, as well as the community at large. The venue would provide a home for women's soccer on campus. The on-campus location would create an improved experience for student-athletes and spectators. The new venue would also strengthen the Jackrabbit brand. The competition field and support facilities would support outdoor intramural activities, including flag football and ultimate frisbee.

**C. ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED:**

A new facility would provide the University and the women's soccer team with a more connected, inviting, and active place for hosting competitive events. Furthermore, the new facility would enhance opportunities for student-athletes by giving them access to a dedicated locker room and team room. Events hosted at the baseball and softball fields would also be enhanced through the shared use of locker rooms, restrooms, officials' changing room, and concessions. The facility would also improve access to outdoor programming for intramural events by improving the overall condition of the outdoor athletic fields available for intramural activities and provide storage space for athletic training and maintenance equipment.

**D. COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS MASTER PLAN:**

South Dakota State University has achieved several major goals identified within the athletics master plan and facility assessments. These projects include the Stiegelmeier Family Student Athlete Center, Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex, Softball Field, Heuther Baseball Field, and Dana J. Dykehouse Stadium. This project would address the need for an on-campus competitive soccer venue that was identified in the 2015 athletics facility assessment and provide needed support facilities for other competitive venues located in the northeast corner of the campus.

**E. ANALYSIS OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT BASED ON THE FACILITIES UTILIZATION REPORT:**

The project would have the following spaces and features necessary to provide adequate support for intercollegiate soccer, baseball, and softball events, as well as service space for athletics activities and field maintenance:

- Monoslope competition soccer pitch approximately 75 yd by 120 yd playing area.
- Grandstand seating for 1,200 to 2,000 spectators.
- Press box.
- Covered team benches.
- Ticket sales.
- Locker rooms.
- Team room.
- Concessions.
- Officials room.
- Soccer equipment storage.
- Field maintenance storage.

- Public restrooms.
- Service space mechanical & custodial.

All program spaces would be temperature-controlled for year-round use. Concessions and public restrooms would be designed to allow shared access during baseball and softball events. The soccer venue would be lined with a site fence to direct spectators to the main entrance and discourage unscheduled use of the competition facility.

**F. LOCATION:**

As previously stated, the proposed site is prominently located east of Jackrabbit Avenue north of the Oscar Performing Arts Center in the athletic and performance district of the campus. The location consists of existing grass turf fields and athletic field lighting that would provide the foundation for competitive field improvements in the area. Utilities that would serve the new facility are easily accessible from the west and south.

**G. REALLOCATION OF OLD SPACE, IF ANY:**

The university would stop using the City of Brookings Fishback Soccer Complex upon completion of the new on-campus soccer venue. Currently there are no public restrooms, concessions, or maintenance equipment storage facilities that serve the intramural, softball, and baseball fields.

**H. PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE/SOURCES:**

The project would be funded with private donations and gifts made towards the project.

**I. BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A FACILITY PROGRAM PLAN:**

We estimate architectural programming and conceptual design services would cost approximately \$100,000. This would provide services necessary to confirm the architectural program, estimate building costs, and complete the schematic design phase. The university will also develop materials that would be utilized for fundraising purposes.

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