

**8. Authorization of Project No. BR-69-2401, Theodore A. Wright Stadium Turf Replacement, Savannah State University**

Recommended: That the Board authorize Project No. BR-69-2401, Theodore A. Wright Stadium Turf Replacement, Savannah State University (“SSU”), with a total project budget of \$1,033,600 to be funded through a grant award.

Understandings: SSU has been selected to receive a philanthropic grant award to make improvements to the field surface at Theodore A. Wright Stadium (the “Stadium”), the home of the SSU Tigers football team (the “Project”). The existing synthetic turf was installed in 2010 and has experienced significant wear and tear and drainage issues during heavy rains. The scope of the Project includes removing and disposing of the existing turf, grading and compacting the stone base, and installing a new synthetic turf system. The drainage issues with the field would be investigated, and upgrades to the existing water pump would be made as needed. In addition to providing an enhanced playing surface for the safety and performance of student-athletes, the new turf would offer increased longevity and durability for fans and attendees of Stadium events.

The Project is consistent with SSU’s master plan. If authorized by the Board, SSU will proceed with design and construction of the Project in accordance with the conditions and terms of the grant and Board of Regents procedures. This process would involve coordinating with partners as necessitated by the conditions of the grant, ensuring a collaborative approach to vendor engagement. The grant would also include an additional \$100,000 in funding to cover expenses incurred by SSU for the management and oversight of the Project.

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