

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES**  
**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT**

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*ACTION:* **Approve Use of Unappropriated Cash Funds for Artificial Turf & Lighting Project for Wayne State College**

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Wayne State requests Board approval to use \$1,300,000 on a one-time basis from unappropriated cash funds for the Artificial Turf and Lighting project. The WSC men's and women's rugby teams currently practice and compete on the city of Wayne recreational fields. The city fields have recently been rezoned for residential redevelopment and, therefore, will no longer be available for the WSC rugby programs in the future. It is recommended to convert the WSC natural grass soccer field into a multi-use, artificial turf field to provide a resilient and versatile surface to be used by both soccer and rugby, as well as other groups including band, intramurals, and other club sports. The soccer team is currently the only program allowed to use the field to protect the integrity of the natural surface, but converting it to an artificial turf surface will allow for use by additional programs.

The project is estimated to cost between \$1,150,000 and \$1,300,000. Approval of this funding will allow the College to move forward with the project. The cash fund balance adequately supports this request.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Use of Unappropriated Cash Funds for Wayne State College.