November 13, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey
Interim President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Practice Field Filming Towers

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) received a request from the Athletic Department to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field.

Recommendations

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) The TRsc supports the proposed request to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded:

- Facilities Services
  The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.

- EHS and SASE
  Strongly supports the proposal by Athletics to construct engineered filming towers to eliminate the need to use scissor lifts. Our comments follow: The engineered tower(s) should be designed to meet life safety code for railing height, toe boards and enclosed fixed ladder- or equivalent safety systems - as was done for the existing filming towers that Athletics erected previously.
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The CBE voted to recommend the President's approval, with noted caveats, the request from the Athletic Department to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field.

Karan L. Watson 11-17-14
Provost and Executive Vice President
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Jerry Strawser 11/14/14
Vice President for Finance and Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE's recommendation:

Mark A. Hussey 11-19-2014
Interim President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
    Eric Hyman, Athletics Director
October 21, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Jerry Strawser, CBE
    Dr. Karan Watson, CBE

THROUGH: Eric Hyman

FROM: Kevin Hurley

SUBJECT: Football Practice Field

The Athletic Department wishes to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field.

These towers will be inside the fence that surrounds the practice field and will be on Athletic Department assigned land. These towers will replace two portable scissor lifts that are currently in use. However, during windy conditions the Athletic Department requires the filming crew to vacate the portable scissor lifts. By having an engineered structure this activity can be done safely.

This project will be contracted through SSC.

Thank you for your consideration.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment
    Dr. Jerry Strawser
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

FROM: Tom Reber
       Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: November 3, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Request to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field

On October 21, 2014 Mr. Kevin Hurley, Associate Athletic Director, sent a request to the CBE’s Technical Review Sub-council on the proposed request to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field. These towers will be inside the fence that surrounds the practice field and will be on Athletic Department assigned land. The towers will replace two portable scissor lifts that are currently in use.

Recommendation:
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed: Request to install two filming towers on the outdoor grass football practice field and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

Facilities Services:
The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.

EHS and SASE:
I strongly support the proposal by Athletics to construct engineered filming towers to eliminate the need to use scissor lifts. Our comments follow: The engineered tower(s) should be designed to meet life safety code for railing height, toe boards and enclosed fixed ladder – or equivalent safety systems – as was done for the existing filming towers that Athletics erected previously.
Capital Financial Planning, CIS, FCOR/GIS, Procurement, Telecommunications, Transportation Services, University Police, Utility & Energy Services, Student Affairs:
No concerns expressed.

Xc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
    CBE Support Staff