

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2019.10/34
Bone Student Center Food Venue
Construction Authorization

Resolution

Whereas, the Bone Student Center is a facility owned and operated by Illinois State University, and

Whereas, the Bone Student Center provides services, including food venues, for the convenience of students, faculty, staff and visitors, and

Whereas, Event Management, Dining and Hospitality has obtained a franchise to operate Star Ginger, an Asian Grill and Noodle Bar, in the Bone Student Center, and

Whereas, space for Star Ginger needs to be constructed to specifications meeting Star Ginger's corporate requirements:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a capital project for construction of a Star Ginger Asian Grill and Noodle Bar in the Bone Student Center, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$1,300,000 for this project.

Board Action on: _____
Motion by: _____
Second by: _____
Vote: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

Postpone: _____
Amend: _____
Disapprove: _____
Approve: _____

ATTEST: Board Action, December 14, 2019

Secretary/Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
Bone Student Center Food Venue Construction Authorization**

An Asian cuisine concept was identified as desirable by students, faculty and staff in the plan for retail dining options to be included in the Bone Student Center revitalization. Event Management, Dining and Hospitality has contracted with and obtained a franchise to operate Star Ginger, an Asian Grill and Noodle Bar, in the Bone Student Center. Star Ginger will complement the other Bone Student Center dining venues – McAlister’s Deli, Qdoba Mexican Eats, Starbucks, The Landing, and Timbers Grille. The opening of Star Ginger is expected to coincide with the completion of the Bone Student Center revitalization project.

Project Scope – Space on the second floor of the Bone Student Center has been identified as a location for the Star Ginger Asian Grill and Noodle Bar. As the franchise operator, the University will construct an Asian concept production kitchen designed to Star Ginger’s corporate requirements, a walk-up serving line for guests, and the Star Ginger graphics package approved by Star Ginger’s corporate office.

Resource Requirements

Construction & Kitchen Equipment	\$951,000
Design Fees	100,000
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>249,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,300,000

Source of Funding: Bond Revenue

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Resolution No. 2019.12/39
Connect Transit Contract Extension

Resolution

Whereas, Illinois State University has partnered with Connect Transit (formerly the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System) to provide certain transportation services since 1998; and

Whereas, said partnership benefits all University faculty, staff and students by allowing them to use their Illinois State University Redbird Card as a bus pass to access Connect Transit services; and

Whereas, the current agreement extension, dated May 10, 2019 and entered into by the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University and Connect Transit on June 22, 2019, has a term of July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019; and

Whereas, negotiations between the University and Connect Transit leadership began in February 2019 and continued through fall 2019 with final terms and conditions for an extension being agreed to by both parties on December 11, 2019, contingent upon approval by their respective Boards of Trustees:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University to enter into a six-month agreement for services during the period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for an amount of \$289,068. If approved, the total expended in FY 2020 for transportation service provided by Connect Transit would be \$567,018.

Board Action on: _____
Motion by: _____
Second by: _____
Vote: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

Postpone: _____
Amend: _____
Disapprove: _____
Approve: _____

ATTEST: Board Action, December 14, 2019

Secretary/Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
Connect Transit Contract Extension**

Illinois State University and Connect Transit have maintained a longstanding partnership. Formalized in 1998, the partnership initially provided a safe, after-hours transportation alternative for students. Since then the partnership has expanded to give students, faculty, and staff access to fixed route, regularly published public transportation service throughout the Bloomington-Normal community, including the University campus.

The Redbird Express route provides transportation around the Illinois State University campus from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday during fall and spring semester on all regularly scheduled class days. There are 15 campus stops on the Redbird Express route. In FY2019, Illinois State University accounted for 617,716 rides and ridership numbers are on trend to increase in FY2020.

The University, through the Parking and Transportation Office, makes monthly payments to Connect Transit for the transportation services provided for students, faculty, and staff. The total annual cost for these services was \$532,740 in FY2018 and \$545,000 in FY2019. If approved, the total expended in FY 2020 for transportation services provided by Connect Transit would be \$567,018.

Negotiations with Connect Transit began in February 2019 and have continued through fall 2019. An agreement to extend services for the period January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 was finalized by both parties on December 11, 2019. This new agreement provides for the University to pay a monthly payment to Connect Transit of \$48,178 for the period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The total funding requested over this six-month agreement is \$289,068.

The agreement with Connect Transit supports the campus *Master Plan 2010-2030: Looking to the Future* as well as *Educate•Connect•Elevate: Illinois State* by providing a sustainable transportation option to enhance the quality of life as well as address the economic, social and environmental needs of Illinois State University students, faculty, and staff. This agreement is a tangible demonstration of the University's commitment to sustainable initiatives.

Source of Funding: Student Fee Revenues