MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Demolition of House, Garage, and KUNI Tower
Date: April 12, 2004

Recommended Action:

Approve the demolition of house #19 and garage, and KUNI tower, located to the southeast of the UNI-Dome. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary:

The University wishes to demolish the house, garage, and KUNI tower located to the southeast of the UNI-Dome. (A map indicating the location of the structures is included as Attachment A.)

The demolition of the structures is necessary to accommodate construction of the Arena at the site south of the UNI-Dome.

The house and garage are currently used to store hazardous materials, and the tower houses KUNI broadcasting equipment; these functions would be relocated prior to the demolition of the structures.

The University anticipates demolishing the structures in the late fall of 2004.

It is anticipated that the total demolition cost for the structures would be $20,000, which would be paid from the McLeod Center project budget.
Background and Analysis:

General Information

The house and garage were acquired by the University in 1973 and 1960, respectively, and are currently used for the storage of hazardous materials.

• The University is currently evaluating options for the relocation of the hazardous materials; however, the University anticipates the relocation would be complete by September 2004.

The KUNI tower was purchased by the University in 1974.

• The University plans to relocate the KUNI broadcasting equipment to the Iowa Wireless tower located on the University’s far west campus.

• The tower was constructed by Iowa Wireless under a lease agreement for its use of the University property; this lease agreement provides for the University’s use, at no cost, of a portion of the tower space sufficient to accommodate the relocated equipment.

• The University plans to complete the relocation of the broadcasting equipment by July 1; the University anticipates no disruption of KUNI broadcasts with the relocation.

Board Procedures

Approval of the demolitions is requested in accordance with the Board’s Policy Manual which requires the Board to approve the disposal of buildings with an estimated value of $1,000 or more; the University has indicated that the value of each structure exceeds this amount.

Demolition Cost

The total demolition cost, which includes removal of the structures, walkways and foundations, grading, and disconnection of utilities, is estimated at $20,000 and would be paid from the McLeod Center project budget.