## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

**Board of Regents** 

From:

**Board Office** 

Subject:

**Demolition of Osborn Cottage** 

Date:

June 1, 2001

## **Recommended Action:**

Approve the demolition of the Osborn Cottage.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

## **Executive Summary:**

The University requests approval to demolish Osborn Cottage, which is located in the middle of the planned footprint for the proposed new College of Business Building, as shown on Attachment A. The cost of demolition and clean-up is estimated at approximately \$10,000, which will be funded by the College of Business project.

## **Background and Analysis:**

When the schematic design for the proposed new College of Business Building was presented to the Board in December 2000, the University indicated that the site was currently occupied by Osborn Cottage. The 3,376 gross square foot Cottage, which was constructed in 1882-83 as a residence for faculty, currently houses the University's Honors Program. The Program will temporarily move to Pearson Hall prior to relocating to its permanent, new home in the Martin C. Jischke Honors Building, which is scheduled for completion in February 2002.

The University reported in December that Habitat for Humanity had expressed an interest in relocating Osborn Cottage for its program. The University also indicated that if Habitat for Humanity decided not to use the Cottage that the University would demolish the building in an appropriate timeframe to facilitate the construction project.

The University reports that it approached the Habitat for Humanity program to see if there was interest in obtaining the Cottage for the cost of moving the structure. Habitat for Humanity turned down the offer when it was discovered that the cost to relocate the structure was more than \$100,000.

The University has placed the current value of Osborn Cottage at \$60,000. Therefore, approval of the demolition is requested in accordance with <u>Regent Procedural Guide</u> §7.11, which requires the Board to approve disposal of buildings with an estimated value of \$1,000 or more.

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