

ITEM 151-1005-R0511

Authorization to Commence a Planning Process for the Creation of a Student Success/Athletic Department Facilities Modernization Master Plan; The University of Montana–Missoula

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 20-25-302, The Montana Board of Regents authorizes The University of Montana–Missoula to retain an architect of record to create the concept and schematic drawings for a Student Success/Athletic Department facilities modernization Master Plan.

EXPLANATION

During the recent NCAA Self Study re-accreditation of the Athletic Department, a number of facility shortcomings that affect student athlete welfare were identified. To ensure that the Athletic department remains compliant with NCAA requirements, and that UM remain competitive in the Big Sky Conference, the following needs were identified:

- Expand the academic study center used by student athletes
- Construct new weight room space to better accommodate both men and women athletes
- Renovate and expand current locker room space
- Add field lighting at Washington-Grizzly Stadium to allow joint use of this facility by both varsity and club sports
- Relocate current Art Annex (located at the South end of the Adams Center) to accommodate the new weight room

Funding for this planning effort will come from private donations and revenue from Athletic ticket sales. The cost for this project will not exceed \$400,000. Upon completion of the Master Plan, the University will present the plan to the Board.