

ITEM 151-2701-R0511

Authorization to Remodel the Student Union Building; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of BOR Policy 940.9.2, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Billings to renovate a portion of the Student Union Building (SUB). This request is for authority to transfer funds from the General Operating Budget to the Plant Fund and authority to complete a project totaling \$1,200,000.

EXPLANATION

1. A key recommendation of the Athletics and Auxiliary Master Plan is to remodel the SUB Ballroom and adjacent areas to accommodate the relocation of the Academic Support Center (ASC) services. Those academic services include Developmental Education, Tutoring, and other forms of learning assistance.
 2. The Brailsford & Dunlavey survey (Feb 2010) identified the top SUB initiatives as - #1) Computer Labs, #2) 24-Hour Study Lounge, #4) Informal Lounge/Social Gathering area and #9) Small Group Study rooms. The proposed relocation will enhance all of these.
 3. Additionally, the move would provide much needed foot traffic in support of Auxiliary Operations such as the Bookstore & Cafeteria.
 4. The existing 1955 building that the ASC is housed in has a backlog of over \$750,000 of identified deferred maintenance issues. This 13,000 square foot state building would ultimately be removed.
 5. The renovation of the SUB will be funded within the limits of the existing MSU Billings general operating budget authority.
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ATTACHMENTS

Additional justification