

March 6-7, 2014

**ITEM 162-2004-R0314**

**Authorization to Upgrade the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Arena**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the provision of MCA 18-2-102(b), the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes MSU to upgrade the arena area in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse at MSU-Bozeman. This authority request is for a total of \$3,200,000.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The Brick Breeden Fieldhouse is a multi-purpose facility which serves students, staff, faculty, local community, and campus visitors. It is heavily used for university events, athletic programs, academic programs, special events, and public service events through the year in support of the university mission of outreach across the State of Montana.
2. Originally constructed in 1956, the Fieldhouse has received periodic upgrades, limited scope renovations, and modernizations in order to appropriately serve as a multi-use arena facility for the university and Montana community.
3. The programs, services and amenities contribute to student success and retention as well as function as a community interface. However, the arena facilities need to be upgraded in order to meet current student, university and community demands. Renovations will improve services, functionality, safety, and aesthetics.
4. MSU plans to upgrade and modernize the arena area of the Fieldhouse to enhance and maintain the functional use as well as improve accommodations for venues and activities. The intent of the upgrade includes a new floor surface, replacement of portions of the existing seating systems, venue curtains, and sound system improvements.
5. This project will be funded by the following, which the University has determined will be available in excess of current commitments:
  - a. Student Building Fees in excess of net pledged revenues of up to \$1,000,000, as endorsed by the ASMSU Student Senate in the attached resolution;
  - b. \$1,200,000 in a combination of Athletic donated funds and Net Auxiliary Services Revenues in excess of operations and debt service;
  - c. \$1,000,000 in revenue generated through primary building user charges, including those derived from campus users of the Fieldhouse.
6. Regents Policy 940.9.3 requires student endorsement for construction projects funded with student building fees in excess of \$200,000. The Associated Students of MSU passed Resolution 2013-R-27 in support of this project. (see attachment)

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. BOR Policy 1003.7
2. ASMSU Senate Resolution 2013-R-27