

May 23-24, 2018

**ITEM 179-2004-R0518**

**Request for authorization to proceed with renovation of Harrison Hall classroom and class laboratories, Montana State University**

---

**THAT**

Under the auspices of its General Spending Authority for Capital Improvements to Campus Facilities, authorized by the Montana State Legislature, MSU is proceeding with a renovation of Harrison Hall to provide new classrooms and instructional lab space within the Bozeman campus. This request is for \$2,000,000 in project authority.

---

**EXPLANATION**

1. Approval was granted previously by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education for the planning and design costs not to exceed \$350,000.
  2. To meet the educational needs of its students, the university is committed to capital renewal investments that modernize and improve its facilities. Modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
  3. Harrison Hall is currently the home to Auxiliary Services dining operations. These services will be relocated to the new Rendezvous Dining Facility expected to be completed in Summer of 2018. The soon-to-be vacant square footage of Harrison Hall provides opportunity to create new classroom and class lab instructional facilities on campus within existing space.
  4. The project will convert existing Harrison Hall Dining space into several new registrar administered classrooms and class laboratory instructional spaces to serve the academic mission of the University.
  5. This work will be funded with Student Building fees and/or other fees allowable for this purpose according to BOR policy in excess of debt service requirements.
  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 2018-R-06 in support of using Student Building fee funds for this project. (Attachment #2).
  7. This use of General Spending Authority will be tracked and reported on MSU's biannual report to the Board of Regents per BOR Policy 1003.7.
  8. No new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility as a result of this project.
- 

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment #1- BOR Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7
- Attachment #2- ASMSU Resolution #2018 – R - 06