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ITEM 175-2007-R0517

Request for authorization to execute a lease for additional area at Kalispell for the Montana State University Nursing Program

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to renew a lease for the MSU Nursing Program at Kalispell and to lease additional space to accommodate the program.

EXPLANATION

1. The College of Nursing at Montana State University is a multi-campus college with the MSU College of Nursing curriculum being delivered in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula. The traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program is offered on all of the five campus sites. These communities possess health care facilities that provide the degree of complexity, size and diversity of patient population needed for upper division clinical experience. While the College's administrative offices are located on the MSU-Bozeman campus, each of the College's campuses has resident faculty who serve both undergraduate and graduate students.
2. The Kalispell program is operated as a partnership between MSU, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell Regional Medical Center (KRMC) and North Valley Hospital.
3. The Kalispell site has on average 8 full & part time faculty and 1 full time staff. The campus serves over 56 undergrads and approximately 7 grad students.
4. The space needs for this growing program has increased considerably in the last three years. Simulation lab learning, now a standard in nursing education, along with a launch of the accelerated baccalaureate (ABSN) program, has created a critical need for additional space.
5. The current lease at the KRMC location is for 4,198 sq. ft. at \$44,079 per year (\$10.50/sf). This lease was approved for up to a 5 year term at the May 2015 Board of Regents meeting and the rate will not change for the next annual period beginning July 1, 2017.
6. This item authorizes MSU to renew the existing lease for one year and to lease an additional 2,629 sq. ft. @ \$5.25/sf, or \$13,803 per year. If approved, the total combined lease for 6,827 square feet will cost approximately \$57,881 per year.

ATTACHMENTS

none