

September 14-15, 2016

ITEM 172-2003-R0916

Request for authorization to construct a new dining hall

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA-18-2-102(2)(b), the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University to expand authority to construct a New Dining Hall facility at MSU. This item increases existing authority by \$2,600,000.

EXPLANATION

1. Board of Regents ITEM 169-2002-R1115 authorized MSU to spend up to \$15,500,000 for the construction of the New Dining Hall facility and associated infrastructure at MSU Bozeman.
 2. The original authorization request was based on a preliminary program outlining a space demand for a 550 seat multiple venue dining facility. The completion of a more refined program and schematic design targets a seating capacity of at least 700 with adequate serving areas to meet student enrollment and replace Hannon and Harrison Dining Halls as originally intended.
 3. Montana State University continues to experience enrollment growth that has resulted in a direct impact on University dining facilities service capacity. In addition to growth of on-campus dining demand, meal plans for students living off-campus have also increased.
 4. During the design phase, an opportunity presented itself to fully excavate the lower level for additional program space. This includes installation of roughed-in plumbing and electrical services and pouring a floor slab.
 5. This increased spending authorization is necessary to accommodate additional scope of work items, including targeted serving and seating capacity, and full excavation of the lower level.
 6. Pursuant to Regent Item 169-2002-R1115, the University is nearing design completion of the new dining hall with a targeted ground breaking for early October 2016, thereby allowing construction to meet scheduled completion prior to the Fall 2018 semester.
 7. No additional debt will be incurred with this action.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7