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ITEM 175-2013-R0517

Request for authorization to remodel the lobby in Barnard Hall

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA-18-2-102(2)(c) and as authorized in House Bill 05 of the 2017 65th Legislative session, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University to remodel the Barnard Hall lobby. This authorization provides authority to a total of \$1,500,000.

EXPLANATION

1. Barnard Hall occupies a prominent location on the Montana State University Campus. The home of the College of Engineering, the School of Computing, Department of Physics, and the Burns Technology Center, Barnard Hall is located across the street from the new Asbjornson Hall and the adjacent to Cobleigh Hall, establishing the Southeast corner of campus as an academic neighborhood for engineering and science classes. As such, the Entry and Lobby to Barnard Hall is heavily used by MSU students.
2. The scope of this project consists of architectural modifications and improvements to Barnard Hall entry and Lobby.
3. The scope of work includes modifications and updates to the building entry, lobby area, and the adjacent student lounges on Levels 2 & 3. Work includes a new open staircase located within the Lobby, which will provide more direct access to the second level, a new punched window opening in the existing fire exit stairwell and entry canopy modifications, new lobby furnishings, and updates to the architectural finishes including floors, walls, and ceilings.
4. In addition, two new seating areas on the main level will be a part of the remodel, which will provide collaborative meeting and study space for students. The study area on the second and third floors will receive new finishes including carpet and furniture.
5. The remodel will transform the current dark space into a light-filled space that inspires student interaction and collaboration.
6. This project will be financed with private donations. MSU assures that 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