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ITEM 194-1604-R0521

Request for Authorization to Renovate and Refresh Dining Services; University of Montana Western

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b), MCA 20-25-302(c), and Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorize the University of Montana Western to proceed with design and renovation of the existing dining facility on the University of Montana Western campus. This authorization provides authority for a total of \$807,000.

EXPLANATION

Dining Services on UMW's campus is located in what is considered the basement level of Mathews Hall, which is a 100-year-old residence hall with approximately 110 dorm rooms located on three floors. The residential portion of Mathews will be undergoing significant upgrades in the form of new carpeting, LED lighting, renovated bathroom/shower facilities, and new windows. Dining services however remains relatively unchanged for the past 50 years. While the structure and exterior are in good condition, the interior finishes, kitchen/dining layout, furniture and engineering systems are all dated and in need of replacement. The main food line is an out dated cafeteria style arrangement. The remodel design seeks to provide an inviting, contemporary interior environment for students, with more of a food court approach as is typical in other campuses across the state. The project will also provide for a new entrance and exit to facilitate traffic flow, provide a more sociable environment, and improve the aesthetics. Mechanical and electrical systems will be upgraded. Exterior façade improvements will be provided as well as outdoor site amenities like BBQ grills, seating, and landscaping.

UMW's dining facility plays an integral part of student life. Consistent with objective two of UMW's mission (enhancing the whole student experience), improvements to this facility will make a much improved eating and social venue to assist in the recruitment and retention of students.

ATTACHMENTS

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