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ITEM 203-1011-R1122

Request for Authorization to Plan, Program, and Design a New Residence Hall – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with the Board’s authority to manage and control the Montana University System, the provisions of Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, and MCA 20-25-302(6), the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$5,600,000 toward programming design of a new Residence Hall on the University of Montana, Missoula campus.

EXPLANATION

This authorization allows UM to plan and design a new Residence Life Hall, which is the result of the 2020 Student Life Master Plan identifying the existing residence halls as “problematic facilities that require significant renovation to meet the expectations of contemporary students”. In an overall effort to meet the needs of current and future students identified in the Student Life Master Plan, Knowles Hall is currently being remodeled and a New Dining Facility is under construction.

- The average age of residence life options at UM-Missoula is 66 years old. The last residence life facility built was Pantzer Hall in 1996. To recruit and retain students, UM must provide newer modern housing opportunities for students.
- With increases in student enrollment and students seeking campus housing, UM needs to provide a minimum of 1,800 beds at the current enrollment level.

Academic Year	Res Life Occupancy	University Apartment Occupancy	% of UG Students in University Housing
2014	97%	100%	20%
2015	83%	98%	19%
2016	78%	96%	19%
2017	78%	98%	20%
2018	65%	91%	19%
2019	60%	94%	19%
2020	57%	95%	16%
2021	86%	99%	20%
2022	93%	100%	23%

- The remodel of Knowles Hall will be complete by Fall 2023 increasing the available beds to 2,040.
- The construction of a new residence hall would allow UM to take 3 existing residence halls offline while maintaining a bed-count to meet demands and enrollment growth.
 - Elrod Hall (101 years old), Craig Hall (69 years old) and Duniway Hall (85 years old) have significant maintenance issue. These facilities have a total of 587 beds.
- A site study has identified land south and east of Pantzer Hall as having sufficient space for the new residence hall.
- Funding for the design will be paid from UM Bonds.
- A request to authorize construction will come at a later date once the planning and design process has progressed far enough to solidify a construction estimate.

ATTACHMENTS

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