

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-2005-R0323

Request for Authorization to Renovate Areas of Renne Library to Create Space for Faculty and Student Scholarly Collaboration; Montana State University

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$1,000,000 and utilize General Spending Authority from the 67th Legislature to renovate areas of the Renne Library in support of faculty and student collaboration.

This item is consistent with the Board's authority to manage the Montana University System in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7., and consistent with MCA 18-2-102 (1).

EXPLANATION

1. Montana State University continues to be a national leader in research activity, innovative teaching and scholarship.
 2. To continue advancing the integration of scholarly activity at MSU, collaborative initiatives among the Center for Faculty Excellence, Office of Research Development, and the MSU Library have developed.
 3. To advance said collaboration more effectively, space has been identified in the Renne Library to consolidate areas of excellence, creating more intentional collaboration space directly within the library.
 4. To ensure this use of library space does not displace student study space, MSU has identified other space in the library for student-oriented study space improvements through the same renovation project as the research area improvements.
 5. The proposed work will be financed with physical plant funds.
 6. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested as a result of this project.
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ATTACHMENTS

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