

**November 16-17, 2023**

**ITEM 209-1005-R1123**

**Request for Authorization to Remodel Gallagher Business Building Classrooms; University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana to expend up to \$900,000 to remodel several Gallagher Business Building rooms into a Connectivity Lab.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. In 2021 per BOR Policy 940.9.2, UM utilized plant funds to hire an architect for schematic designs to update existing classroom spaces in Gallagher Business Building (GBB).
  2. Several classrooms are outdated, under-utilized computer teaching rooms that have outlived their usefulness.
  3. This project would remodel 4,200 SF to revitalize the space and make it a Connectivity Lab with state-of-the-art technology, new windows, lighting, finishes and furniture for students to engage in analytics, data analysis, emerging technologies, and professional development.
  4. The new layout will be similar to that used by corporations like Google, Microsoft, Nike and Cognizant.
  5. UM received \$6,000,000 of legislative authority only for campus-wide classroom renovations in House Bill 5 of the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislature. UM is requesting to use this legislative authority to begin the upgrades to Gallagher Business Building.
  6. The School of Business completed a fundraising effort for the project and funding for the project will be from private sources.
  7. No additional operations and maintenance costs will be requested with this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)