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ITEM 209-2008-R1123

Request for Authorization to Plan, Program and Design the Aurora Complex Health and Recreation Center; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Northern to expend up to \$2,500,000 to program, plan and design the Aurora Center Health and Recreation Complex.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU Northern (MSUN) received \$25,000,000 in House Bill 5 of the 68th Legislative session for a Health and Recreation Complex.
 2. MSUN requests to expend up to \$2,500,000 that will be used only for planning, programming, and design authority for a new health and recreation complex.
 3. The project will continue the ongoing campus revitalization adjacent to Tilleman Field. The Aurora Complex is Phase 2 to construct a new facility that may include integrated health and HPE class space, student wellness services, a gym, a black box theater, simulator space, coffee bar and many other student-oriented services.
 4. The Aurora Complex is the largest of nine initiatives to boost student recruitment and retention at Northern and will enhance the campus experience for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
 5. The proposed building will enhance student life, attract more students to MSU-Northern, and consequently help graduate more students into the workforce. It will do this by focusing on the things students care about including health, wellness, and recreation. From physical and mental health to emotional and cultural wellness, this complex is all about meeting students where they're at and helping them rise to the top.
 6. Funding for the planning, programming, and design will come from funds allocated by the Legislature.
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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)
- Attachment 2: Proposed Site Location