

May 21, 2025

ITEM 218-2009-R0525

Request for Authorization to Construct an Outdoor Classroom at the American Indian Hall; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$1,000,000 to create an outdoor classroom space at the American Indian Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. The American Indian Hall, which opened in 2021, was designed to include an outdoor classroom space among the landscaping on the north side of the building.
2. Due to cost escalations during the project, the outdoor classroom project was removed from the project scope and deferred until additional funding was confirmed.
3. MSU has identified sufficient funding to finish the project through construction of the outdoor classroom.
4. The outdoor classroom will serve academic functions and will be accessible for use in courses across disciplines.
5. The outdoor classroom will enhance community and cultural offerings of American Indian Hall, creating a welcoming space for events and gathering.
6. The outdoor classroom will be constructed under remaining authority for the original project from House Bill 5 of the 66th Legislature and as previously authorized in BOR Item 183-2011-R0519.
7. The work will be paid for using physical plant funds from private donation accounts.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7