

September 25 – 26, 2008

ITEM 140-1002-R0908

Increase Spending Authority - Native American Center; The University of Montana - Missoula

THAT:

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes The University of Montana-Missoula to request an increase in the project budget for the Native American Center. This original request for authority was in the amount of \$6,000,000, this request is for an increase the project authority to \$10,000,000. The sources of funding for this project are \$8,710,660 in private funding and \$1,250,000 in University unrestricted funds.

EXPLANATION:

The University of Montana submitted the NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER as a Long Range Building Program Authority only project to the 56th Legislative Session. That request was granted in the amount of \$3,500,000. Funding for this project was to be raised by The University of Montana from private sources.

The State entered into an architectural contract with LA Olsen & Daniel Glenn architects for the planning of the facility in 2004. The architects worked closely with the campus building committee & representatives from Montana Tribes to develop a comprehensive programming and Schematic Design document for the building. This document, completed in March 2005, envisioned a 30,000 square foot building, 20,000 finished and 10,000 shelled, with a project cost of approximately \$6,000,000. The 59th Legislative Session granted an additional \$2,500,000 in authority only to bring the total authority to \$6,000,000. The Montana Board of Regents also approved this increase in the Regents Item 127-1008-R0505 in the May 2005 meeting.

Since then, there has been a significant increase in construction costs that the building industry has experienced state-wide. Also, the LEED certified “green building” aspect of the design has contributed some cost increase even though the building size has stayed the same. The architects now estimate the same project at \$9,700,000 in January 2008.

The design team and the building committee reviewed the program to see if there was any program that could be cut to get the project back into the original budget. It was determined that any significant cuts to the building program would have a detrimental impact on the donor’s vision for the facility and that additional fund raising would be necessary to fund the

\$10,000,000 budget.

The University cannot wait until the next legislative session to obtain the additional authority due to commitments to the donor and the considerable inflation costs estimated at 1% per month. Therefore, the university will request that the Governor's Budget Director authorize a budget amendment per MCA 17-7-211 (2) b to increase the project Authority only from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Proposed Native American Center

A. Project Description:

- Current Native American Studies program is housed in a basement plus 2 story 3,100 GSF residential-style structure. The building is not ADA accessible. It serves 7 faculty, 2 adjuncts, 1 advisor and 200 Native American students in cramped quarters. Classes are taken in other campus buildings because of lack of space.
- New Native American Center to be approximately 20,000 GSF of finished space on 2 floors with another 10,000 SF of un-finished basement space. Will house the Native American Studies academic department, 7 faculty offices, AISSP (American Indian Student Support Program) advisor offices, 3 classrooms of 30-55pp, 2 conference rooms for 10-15 pp, 1 large lecture hall for 75pp, student study spaces, Native American student clubs and a large Gathering Space. The New Center will not only provide a support structure for Native American students enrolled at UM but also reach out to non-Native students and provide valuable classroom & study space for all.
- New Center is proposed to be situated on the historic Oval – a prominent & symbolic location at UM Missoula campus.

B. Cost:

Construction & Assoc. Costs	\$7,508,544
Architectural Fees	911,000
Non-contracted Labor	25,000
Site Utilities	70,000
Administration	298,820
Testing	30,000
Contingency & Inflation	656,636
Equipment & Furniture	500,000

Project Total

\$10,000,000

C. Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollments:

- Current program serves 515 Native American students and 1,500 non-Native students.
- Projected growth to be up to 1,000 Native American students enrolled at UM (Presidents goal).
- Other Native American organizations at UM that would benefit from this New Center: **Kyi-yo Club** (organizes the annual powwow that attracts 3,000 visitors), **American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)**, **American Indian Science and Engineering (AISES)**, **American Indian Diabetes Education Association**, **Native American Education Society**, **Native American Law Students Association** and **Native American Graduate Student Organization**.
- Several student groups would also be supported: Upward Bound, Bridges, McNair Scholars, Educational Opportunity Program, Indian Law Clinic, Health Careers Opportunity Program, Native American News Page and American Indian Student Support Services Program.

D. Space Utilization Data:

Approximately 20,000 GSF of new space for the following:

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| • Large Gathering Space | 2500 SF |
| • Student lounge & study | 1430 SF |
| • AISSP Office | 925 SF |
| • Computer Room | 265 SF |
| • Club Rooms | 900 SF |
| • Classrooms (3) | 1920 SF |
| • Large Lecture Hall | 1135 SF |
| • NAS Admin., Kitchen,
copy room | 1075 SF |
| • Offices & Lounge | 1565 SF |
| • Conference rooms (2) | 500 SF |
| • Misc.- bathrooms, janitor,
Storage | 940 SF |
| • Non-assignable: hallways,
stairs elev. | 6845 SF |

Program Total

20,000 GSF

- Approximately Unfinished
Basement Floor 10,000 SF

E. Projected Use for Available Residual Space.

The space vacated in the existing NAS facility will be returned to the campus inventory for reallocation.

F. Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:

State funding to support O&M costs for the Native American Center is \$132,383. Any cost exceeding this amount will be funded by the University using non-tuition dollars.

ATTACHMENTS: