

INFORMATION ITEM

Student Housing Enhancement Projects – Montana State University

THAT

Montana State University will present information outlining a proposal being developed to construct various projects to enhance residence hall facilities at the Bozeman campus.

EXPLANATION

1. The programs, services and amenities provided to students by MSU's housing enterprises contribute positively to student success and retention; however, residence hall facilities at the Bozeman campus need to be upgraded to meet the demands of current student residents. While MSU's housing complexes are structurally sound, they fall noticeably short in offering the contemporary, aesthetically pleasing living environment demanded by today's student population.
 2. The demand for housing in the MSU Residence Halls where undergraduates are placed was near capacity for Fall 2009 and exceeded capacity for Fall 2010. The short term solutions to accommodate this influx (e.g., guest apartments, voluntary triples where room size can accommodate, and Family/Graduate Housing apartments) are not conducive to a long term solution. Therefore, a modest additional to bed space inventory is also needed.
 3. MSU has developed a business plan to address the situation and will present information to the regents for their consideration.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Proposed Student Housing Enhancements presentation