

**November 15-16, 2012**

**ITEM *Information Item***

**Linfield Halls – Fire Sprinkler Installation – Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Under the auspices of its General Spending Authority for Capital Improvements to Campus Facilities, authorized by the 61<sup>st</sup> Legislature, MSU is proceeding with installation of Fire Sprinklers in portions of Linfield Hall and Linfield South for a total of \$300,000

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**EXPLANATION**

1. Linfield Hall was originally constructed 1909, and the addition of Linfield South was completed in 1953. The Linfield buildings serve the general student population and are home to the College of Agriculture. The buildings house classrooms, labs, office and administrative space and have not been significantly upgraded or modified since original construction.
  2. Linfield Hall is primarily a wood structure building and the existing fire separation between the two building structures does not meet current code requirements. Installation of fire sprinkler system is necessary to improve overall building life safety and to maximize building occupancy.
  3. This work will be funded with \$195,000 in student fees from the Academic Building R&R Fund and up to \$105,000 of major maintenance funds. Student endorsement is not required for this expenditure of student fees. (Regents Policy 940.9.3 requires student endorsement for all projects in excess of \$200,000, to be funded with student building fees.)
  4. This use of General Spending Authority will be tracked and reported on MSU's biannual report to the Board of Regents per BOR Policy 1003.7.
  5. MSU assures that no new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility as a result of this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 - Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7