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INFORMATION ITEM

Campus – Collaborative Public Spaces – Montana State University

THAT

Under the auspices of its General Spending Authority for Capital Improvements to Campus Facilities, authorized by the 61st Legislature, MSU is proceeding with creation of collaborative spaces in public areas in various campus academic buildings for a total of \$300,000.

EXPLANATION

1. To meet the educational, social and cultural expectations of the changing student demographic, the university is committed to capital renewal investments that modernize and improve its academic facilities.
 2. Gathering spaces are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors in academic and learning interactions outside of the formal classroom setting.
 3. MSU will design and construct a variety of public gathering and seating spaces in selected academic buildings throughout the campus. The spaces will be created in areas within or along main corridors that engage the campus community by creating collaborative interaction spaces for faculty and students.
 4. This work will be funded with \$300,000 from current unrestricted funds.
 5. This use of General Spending Authority will be tracked and reported on MSU's biennial report to the Board of Regents per BOR Policy 1003.7.
 6. 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

Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7

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

This use of General Spending Authority is for an amount greater than \$150,000, which requires the following additional information:

(a) Project Description: This project will create collaborative spaces in various buildings consisting of new comfortable seating and tables that can be arranged in various configurations to accommodate individual and group needs. The scope of work will consist of new furnishings including tables and chairs, updated architectural finishes, writing surfaces and/or electronic displays, wireless connectivity, lighting upgrades and enhanced electrical capacity to support technology.

(b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:

Estimated Cost:

Construction	\$50,000
Furnishings.....	\$200,000
Design	\$25,000
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total	\$300,000

Funding Sources: This work will be funded with \$300,000 from current unrestricted funds.

(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:

Campus spaces will serve the general campus student enrollment of over 14,000 MSU students as well as faculty, staff and visiting community.

(d) Space Utilization Data:

This renovation project renovates existing space within the facilities and will not appreciably change the utilization of the existing spaces.

(e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space

(Not applicable to this project)

(f) Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:

Historic O&M costs are not expected to be significantly impacted by this renovation project, since facilities will not be expanded.