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INFORMATION ITEM

Linfield Hall 231 Classroom Renovation – 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 the remodel of classrooms in Linfield Hall for a total of \$300,000.

EXPLANATION

1. Originally constructed in 1953, Linfield Hall South has been partially updated or modernized since construction. The classroom 231 requires renovation and expansion to accommodate the evolving pedagogical methods for the College of Agriculture in support of the University mission.
 2. In meeting 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.
 3. Modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
 4. The project will modernize and enhance existing classroom spaces which will engage the campus community by creating modern learning environments for faculty and students.
 5. Renovations will include architectural and mechanical, electrical and plumbing improvements, including new architectural finishes, AV technology, lighting upgrades, and HVAC reconfiguration.
 6. The project will be funded with a combination of private donations and current unrestricted funds.
 7. 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.
 8. 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