

March 5-6, 2015

**ITEM 166-1003-R0315**

**Request for Authorization to Remodel Classrooms in Liberal Arts Building – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana-Missoula to expend up to \$500,000 for the remodel of classrooms in the Liberal Arts Building.

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**EXPLANATION**

The University of Montana received Commissioner’s approval for the remodel of classrooms 304 and 305 in the Liberal Arts Building in November 2014 for \$347,000. These funds were received from a private donor. Work on this project has begun with the hiring of an architect. This same donor has stepped forward to provide an additional \$500,000 funding for remodeling classrooms 204, 205, and 103 in the Liberal Arts Building. The extension of remodeling to these additional floors will create a vertical corridor of upgraded and technologically enhanced teaching spaces for this key campus instructional facility.

The Liberal Arts Building is a 1953 era structure and minimal upgrading of classrooms has been done since that time. Most of the rooms are extremely hot in the warm months and lack adequate daylight and technology despite the best efforts by the University to upgrade technology in all classrooms.

This project will provide state of the art presentation technology to students and faculty within a climate controlled space. The remodel will include newer and wider energy efficient windows, carpet, paint, lighting upgrades, power, and data.

This project will be funded by private sources.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 – Project Overview