

January 11, 2018

**ITEM 178-2001-R0118****Request for authorization to renovate the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 20-25-302 and MCA 18-2-102 (2)(b), the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes MSU to renovate the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center at the Bozeman campus. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education approved design and construction authority in June of 2017, in the amount of \$350,000. Subsequent project scope and cost development has identified the need to increase the authority. This request increases the authorization by \$150,000 to a total of \$500,000.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. Originally constructed in 1973, the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center (MHFC) underwent a major renovation in 2008 to update and modify the facility to meet the needs of the current student body.
  2. Due to an increase in student participation in sports over the past few years, the need for sports facilities has also grown to accommodate scheduling pressures experienced by the Club Sports, intramural sports, and recreation sports.
  3. The project will upgrade the existing space in the MHFC and convert the adjacent squash court for contemporary use with higher student utilization. The renovation and expansion will allow student organizations to better use the space as well as accommodate academic activity (ACT) courses.
  4. Updates will enhance user safety.
  5. The project will be funded with Student Facility Enhancement Fees already on-hand, which are in excess of debt service requirements. The use of such fees for this purpose was approved through a campus-wide student vote.
  6. MSU assures that no new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 – Policy 1003.7

Link: May 2017 BOR Approval – Student Activity Fee Increase – [Item](#) | [Attachment](#)