

January 14, 2020

ITEM 186-2701-C0120

Request for Authorization to Construct Temporary Science Labs; Montana State University Billings

THAT

This request is to seek approval for spending authority of \$1.3 million to create temporary laboratory spaces in conjunction with the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building construction. This request is consistent with the provisions of Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, II, A,, all proposals for new construction or renovations of an existing building with costs in excess of \$350,000 shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

EXPLANATION

This request is for authority to spend up to \$1.3 million of academic building fees, approved by a student survey of opinion, for the design, construction, moving costs and other related expenditures for temporary laboratories.

The construction phasing for the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building was changed in order to bring the construction project in on time and on budget. However, as a result of this change, MSUB is now required to vacate the adjoining science building during construction. Classes will be held at City College to maximize existing laboratory space and temporary labs will be constructed in the College of Education Building and the Liberal Arts Building. Once the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building construction is complete, the temporary laboratories will be reverted to their original use.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Board Policy 1003.7 – Physical Plant II(A)
Attachment #2 – Student Resolution