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ITEM 189-1002-C0620

Request for Authorization to Plan a New Dining Facility; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b), MCA 20-25-302(6), and Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorize the University of Montana to proceed with programing and schematic design for a new dining facility on the UM-Missoula campus. This authorization provides authority for a total of \$360,000.

EXPLANATION

As previously authorized by the Board of Regents, the University hired an architect to develop a high-level master plan to guide our timing in regards to constructing facilities that would contribute to student success.

SMA Architects were selected to provide baseline planning an analysis for each of these projects including gathering pertinent information, re-engaging the stakeholders to review the design and programmatic assumptions, and then develop Project Budget Recommendations for each project, based upon the design goals balanced with a careful review and analysis of existing site and building conditions, building systems, constructability issues, and project timelines.

UM's dining facility is substantially less contemporary than most peer institutions. Potential new students are evaluating the age, style and/or condition of UM dining and housing options in relation to these peers, placing UM at a competitive disadvantage. Planning for new facilities will include schematic level design and estimates for a new campus Dining Facility and surrounding landscape/hardscape and associated facilities. The facility will also contribute to improving student recruitment efforts as well as retention and graduation rates by creating an inviting, holistic student dining environment with modern amenities.

The authority request authorizes programming and design only - it does not authorize construction, financing or operations and maintenance funding for this project. The University of Montana anticipates coming to the board at an upcoming meeting to discuss recommendations for proceeding with the project.

ATTACHMENTS

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