

November 21-22, 2024

**ITEM 215-1006-R1124**

**Request for Authorization to Increase Project Authority for the Study of UM's Southwest Quadrant;  
University of Montana Missoula**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana to increase spending authority by an additional \$200,000 for the continuation of the Student Life Master Planning study to include the southwest quadrant at UM.

This item is consistent with the Board's authority to manage the Montana University System in accordance with BOR Policy 1003.7 and consistent with MCA 20-25-302(6).

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**EXPLANATION**

1. Item 185-1005-R1119 was approved in November 2019 authorizing the expenditure of up to \$400,000 to conduct a Student Life Master Plan study.
  2. Additional authority of \$200,000 is requested to expand the Student Life Master Plan study to include the southwest quadrant.
  3. The expanded planning study will inform UM of what types of housing or other amenities, such as parking would be most feasible for the space vacated upon the removal of Craig, Duniway, and Elrod Halls, and Lommasson Center.
  4. The timing of the removal of buildings needs to be studied carefully as it affects other sectors of campus and disruption to staff and faculty needs to be kept to a minimum.
  5. This aspect of the study will look into the needs of UM housing, parking, students, and faculty.
  6. This study will be funded by Student Facilities Fees.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Project Details – BOR Policy 1003.7