THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Act 480 of the Public Acts of 1996 includes a Central Campus Renovation Phase II Project for the Ann Arbor Campus of the University valued at $79 million. The project is intended to focus on improvements to infrastructure and is comprised of the following five components:

  - Perry Building $ 8 million
  - Literature, Sciences, and the Arts Building $22 million
  - Frieze Building $28 million
  - Mason Hall and Haven Hall $16 million
  - West Hall $ 5 million
  TOTAL $79 million

We are prepared to begin the programming and design for the Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project. This component of the overall State project will renew the infrastructure of Mason Hall and Haven Hall. These buildings will provide classrooms and office space for various departments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LS&A).

The State will fund $12,000,000 (seventy-five percent of the authorized $16,000,000) and the University will fund $4,000,000 (twenty-five percent). The University share is provided through the issuance of tax-exempt debt secured by a pledge of General Revenues to be paid from student fees. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the $120 million program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents.

A committee, consisting of representatives from LS&A, was formed to select an architect for the project. Proposals were requested from nine architectural firms. The committee reviewed the proposals, interviewed three firms and is recommending Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering, P.C. from Albany, New York.

We recommend the Regents approve the Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project and authorize contracting with the firm of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering P.C. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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