ACTION REQUEST

Subject: East Quadrangle
Fire Detection Alarm System and Electrical System Replacement

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

We recommend authorization of a $5.5 million renovation of infrastructure in East Quad. The proposed project will include a new fire detection alarm system for the entire building and replace the electrical systems in the south half of the facility. The electrical systems in the north portion of the facility are not as old and can be utilized for some period before replacement is required. The work in the south portion will include a new substation, secondary power, exit signage, emergency lighting, and replacement of secondary wiring, panels and light fixtures along with their controls.

The estimated cost of the project is $5,500,000, with funding provided from University Housing revenues. We propose to issue the project for bid this winter in order to begin construction at the end of the Winter Term. Construction will occur during the summer months with project completion expected in Fall 2002. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents.

We recommend the Regents approve proceeding with the East Quadrangle Fire Detection Alarm System, and Electrical System Replacement project as described and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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