

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Bentley Historical Library Addition

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

Background:

The Bentley Historical Library was chartered by the Regents of the University in 1935 with the purpose to assemble historical documentation relating to the history of the State of Michigan and to the history of the University of Michigan. The Bentley Library building is approximately 33,000 square feet and was constructed in 1973. The Bentley Library has a capacity of 28,000 linear feet of shelf storage space with only 500 linear feet available for new material. Net total average annual growth of the archival material is 800 linear feet and anticipated large acquisitions in the next five years are approximately an additional 4,500 linear feet. Anticipating this need for expansion approximately twenty years ago, the original architect, Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc., was asked to develop a preliminary plan for an addition to the building. This plan included two new stack cubes with approximately 53,000 linear feet of shelf storage space for historical collections and university archives, added work space and a basement conservation lab.

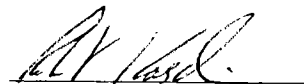
We now propose to provide the planned addition to address the anticipated space shortage, and to update many of the existing building systems that are scheduled for replacement. The addition will be comprised of approximately 36,000 gross square feet. The building's current heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is nearly 30 years old and will be replaced. The deterioration of the HVAC system over time has resulted in poor indoor air quality. Mold has been a problem in the building for the occupants and for the collection. The new HVAC system will address this problem. The entire fire detection and protection system will be upgraded to modern standards. In addition, various plumbing and electrical systems will be upgraded.

These infrastructure upgrades will cost approximately \$1 million of the total project budget estimate of \$5,800,000. Funding will be provided from Central Administration sources. The design effort will begin immediately and construction will take approximately eighteen months beginning about one year from now.

Since Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. designed the Bentley Library and has developed the preliminary concept for the addition, we recommend that they be retained to execute the design.

We recommend the Regents approve the Bentley Historical Library Addition project as described, and authorize the appointment of Jickling Lyman Powell Associates, Inc. as the architect.

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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