Subject:   Student Activities Building Renovation

Action Requested:   Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the July 2005 meeting, the Regents approved the Student Activities Building Renovation project and the appointment of Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning Worldwide as the architect. The project involves renovating approximately 53,000 gross square feet of space to address infrastructure, code, and accessibility needs, and to enhance public and departmental spaces. The completed renovations will enable students and visitors to more conveniently utilize services within the building, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Offices of Admissions, Student Financial Operations, and Financial Aid. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $8,500,000. This project is part of a Fiscal Year 2005 Supplemental Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan. Once the funds are appropriated by the State legislature, the State will fund approximately two-thirds of the project, and the University will fund the balance with investment proceeds. 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. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to minimize disruption of the academic calendar, with construction scheduled to be completed in Summer 2008.

We recommend that the Regents approve the schematic design for the Student Activities Building Renovation project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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