

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project

Action Requested: Approval of Revised Project and Approval of Design

Background:

At the September 1999 Regents meeting we presented an overview of the commitment to renovate existing Central Campus facilities. The Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project was one of the projects identified as part of this process. This project was originally approved as an infrastructure renovation project. During the programming phase, it became apparent that the programs intended for occupancy would be severely compromised if we attempted to force a fit into the existing poor quality available space. The programs involved include History, American Culture, and Political Science, all from the College of LS&A.

Since the present location of Haven Hall is strategically critical to all of these programs, we are proposing to expand the building. The proposal is to construct an addition to the east side of the Haven Hall building as well as create new space over what is referred to as the "Fish Bowl." This addition will add approximately 67,000 gross square feet. A presentation of the proposed design will be made at the Regents meeting.

The Mason Hall portion of the project will be renovated to house interactive learning centers, some counseling offices and other support functions. With the addition to Haven Hall, the total square footage of the two halls will be 213,000. There will be no net effect on parking since only existing central campus LS&A departments are involved.

The preliminary estimate for the total project is \$38 million. The State will be funding up to \$28.5 million of the total, with the College of LS&A and central administration sources funding the balance. The University's share may be provided, all or in part, 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.

We plan to complete the design of the project in the spring in order to begin construction in Summer 2000. The construction of the total project will span approximately three years due to the specific phasing requirements.

We recommend the Regents approve the revised scope of the Mason Hall and Haven Hall Renovation Project and approve the design of the addition that will be presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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