

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

**Subject:** The University of Michigan-Flint  
2000-2001 Capital Outlay Submission

**Background:**

In the fall of 1999, UM-Flint submitted to the State of Michigan the 2000-2001 Capital Outlay Request. Due to the State's new submission requirements, incorporating changes in schedule and process, all institutions were requested to put forth a good faith effort to respond to the five year planning process; a process that would continue to evolve and develop over time.

The University of Michigan-Flint submitted three priorities for consideration by the State of Michigan for capital outlay funding. The first priority is the renovation of the NorthBank Center, a 162,581 square foot facility acquired in February 1999. A thorough facility architectural and engineering (A&E) study was commissioned last spring to determine how to maximize the NorthBank Center's assets to the fullest extent possible and to prioritize needed renovations. The A&E study determined that \$9.85 million was required to make the building useful to the University. The University has already received \$3 million from the State of Michigan to renovate the facility; the remaining \$6.85 million is requested for full funding of the needed renovations.

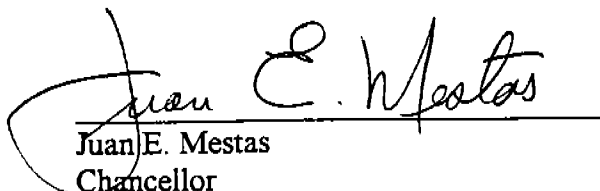
Current programs planned to move into NorthBank Center include University Outreach, the Center for Applied Environmental Research, the Center for University Partnerships, the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs (PURA) research programs, and the College of Arts and Sciences Dance Program. Also under consideration to relocate to the NorthBank Center are several administrative offices.

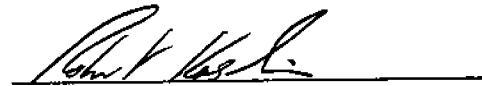
The second priority for the 2000-2001 Capital Outlay Request is for building modifications related to health, safety and the Americans with Disabilities Act addressing issues campuswide. The health, safety and welfare of students, faculty, staff and the public are of utmost concern to the University and full accessibility to University facilities for persons with disabilities, mandated for all public facilities, is a very high priority. Over the years, the University has made significant progress in compliance with the legal and moral obligations, yet internal resources are scarce for a university the size of UM-Flint to fund this important initiative. The cost for the project is \$2.82 million.

The third priority is the renovation of the Classroom Office Building (CROB) once current programs move into the new Professional Studies and Classroom Building in late fall 2001/early winter of 2002. Based upon a 1999 College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Space Committee report, additional office and classroom space is needed in CROB. Several academic departments and academic administrative offices require more space. One area requiring additional space is Afrikana Studies, a program that has recently gained departmental status and is currently involved in a search for additional faculty. Other departments requiring additional space include Economics, English, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Music, Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice and Theatre. It is proposed that as the School of Health Professions and Studies, School of Management and the Communications and Art departments relocate to the new Professional Studies and Classroom Building that these vacated spaces be renovated to meet the academic needs described above for additional classroom and office space. The cost for the project is estimated to be \$1.7 million.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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