

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Power Center for Performing Arts
Stage Lighting Replacement

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

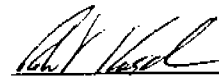
Background:

The Power Center for the Performing Arts lighting technology is outdated, pre-computer and pre-digital. The mechanical systems are in poor condition and the dimmers could become a safety concern if not replaced. The manufacturer of the 57 dimmers at the Power Center has long been out of business and parts are not available.

This project would replace the existing dimmers with 600 digitally controlled dimmers which would bring the Power Center up to the modern standards for a theatre of this size. Because of its condition, the wiring and conduit will be replaced from the substation to the fixtures. The project is estimated to cost \$720,000, with funding from Central Administration. Construction process will begin immediately, and take approximately 15 months to complete. Rented lighting will be used during the upgrade so as not to interfere with use of the Power Center.

We recommend the Regents approve the Power Center for Performing Arts Stage Lighting Replacement.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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