

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: School of Social Work  
Renovations for Classrooms and Conference Center

Action  
Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint Architect

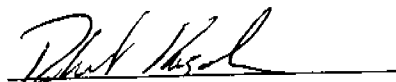
Background:

The recently completed School of Social Work Building included approximately 3,100 square feet of unfinished shell space for a conference center that could host a variety of national and international gatherings. This pavilion area was originally sized to hold up to 80 people in multiple configurations and expected to deploy state of the art audio/visual and distance learning systems. Following the first eighteen months of occupancy in the new building, the School of Social Work also identified a pressing need for more classroom space and has folded this need into the program.

The firm of Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative has completed a preliminary study that included programming and a feasibility study for renovating the unfinished pavilion in room 1840. Their findings conclude this area will support classroom and conference functions. We would like to commission Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative in conjunction with Steele Engineering Associates, for mechanical and electrical engineering, and Pyramid Systems, for audio/visual systems, to prepare construction documents for renovating the 3,100 square foot, unfinished pavilion for dual use as classrooms and an international conference center. We will return to the Regents to seek approval for a project budget and release of the project for construction.

We recommend the Regents approve initiating the design of classrooms and a conference center in room 1840 of the School of Social Work Building and authorize commissioning Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative in conjunction with Steele Engineering Associates and Pyramid Systems as the architect/engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert Kasdin  
Executive Vice President

June 1999

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

JUN 17 1999