

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 18

Date: October 30, 2012

**RECOMMENDATION**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN**

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the University's Capital Outlay Plan and delegate authority to the President to submit the renovation of Strong Hall as the University's top priority capital project for State funding should the State Budget Office accept project requests for fiscal year 2013-14.

**STAFF SUMMARY:**

The State Budget Office issued its FY14 Capital Outlay instructions to University and Community College Presidents on August 22, 2012. The instructions indicated that the State Budget Office is not accepting capital outlay requests for fiscal year 2013-14 at this time.

Institutions, however, are still required to develop and post to their websites a Capital Outlay Plan by November 2, 2012. The Plan includes information and data on mission, academic programming, staffing and enrollment trends, facility assessments and implementation plans.

Although capital outlay requests are not being accepted at this time, it is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the President to submit the renovation of Strong Hall as Eastern's top priority capital project for state funding in the event the State Budget Office decides to accept project requests for fiscal year 2013-14. The renovation of Strong Hall has been identified as the University's top capital project priority since Eastern received the capital outlay from the State for the Pray-Harrold renovation.

Strong Hall is part of Eastern's Science Complex and houses the Geology and Geography and the Physics and Astronomy departments. Built in 1957, Strong Hall has not received any significant improvements or renovations since its construction. The project reflects a major renovation of the 87,500 gross square foot structure including modernizing classroom and labs, lecture halls, student commons areas, and faculty offices as well as creating flexible use spaces for both research and instruction and replacement of architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems.

The Strong Hall project, along with the \$90 million self-funded addition and renovation of the Science Complex, demonstrates the University's commitment to the sciences and would result in first class science facilities on EMU's campus.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The estimated cost to renovate Strong Hall is \$42 million. At a funding mix of 75% State / 25% Eastern, the University's cost share would be \$10.5 million.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date