

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 20

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October 7, 2014

RECOMMENDATION
FISCAL YEAR 2016 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 project request for state cost participation for Fiscal Year 2016.

STAFF SUMMARY

The State Budget Office issued its Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Outlay Budget memorandum to University Presidents on August 15, 2014. The Management and Budget Act, Public Act 431 of 1984, as amended, requires universities to present a Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan no later than November 1 of each year. Universities may also elect to submit a capital outlay project request for state cost participation.

Once again, the renovation of Strong Hall has been identified as the University's top capital outlay project. Strong Hall has been Eastern's number one request for funding since Fiscal Year 2010; the year after Eastern received state funding for the Pray-Harrold building 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 renovation 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 Mark Jefferson Science Complex, demonstrates the University's commitment to the sciences and would result in first-class science facilities on Eastern' campus. To comply with the statutory requirements, Eastern Michigan University will post its Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan on the institution's internet site by November 1, 2014. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Project Budget request of Strong Hall will also be on this site.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost to renovate Strong Hall is \$47 million. At a funding mix of 75% State / 25% Eastern, the University's cost share would be \$11.75 million.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer

Date