

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 4
DATE: September 30, 2016

**RECOMMENDATION**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2018 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 2018.

Although the University’s Fiscal Year 2017 submission for renovation of Strong Hall was previously granted planning authorization by the State Legislature in June 2016, the State Legislature’s routine process requires the University to resubmit a project with planning authorization until the University obtains construction authorization from the State.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

The State Budget Office issued its Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Outlay Budget memorandum to University Presidents on September 6, 2016. 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.

Per the Capital Outlay Budget memorandum, *“Institutions with a current planning authorization should continue to identify the project as their top priority request pending the enactment of a construction authorization”*. As the University was granted a planning authorization, but has not received a construction authorization, Strong Hall has once again been identified as the University’s top capital outlay project.

Strong Hall is part of Eastern’s Science Complex and houses the Physics & Astronomy and Geology & Geography 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 80,713 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 project demonstrates the University’s commitment to the ongoing development of the Science Complex.

To comply with the statutory requirements, Eastern Michigan University will post its Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan on the institution’s internet site by October 31, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The approved cost to renovate Strong Hall is \$39.5 million. At a funding mix of 75% State / 25% Eastern, the University’s cost share would be \$9.9 million.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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University Executive Officer

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