AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Little Hall STEM Classroom Renovation, UM

2. INITIATED BY: Norman L. Fournier, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine requests approval to expend up to $1,740,000 of General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate first floor lecture halls in Little Hall.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 which requires projects with a total cost of more than $500,000 to be considered by the Board of Trustees or its Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee. In this case, the request is to approve and to forward this matter to the Consent Agenda of the Board of Trustees.

The renovation includes at a minimum transformation of room 130 into a collaborative learning classroom including new seating which allows collaboration among students, improvements to the electrical, audio visual, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems as well as asbestos remediation. The renovation may also include building system improvements to rooms 140, 120 and 110. Primarily these rooms are used as lecture halls for Psychology, Math, and Computer Science. Little Hall was built in 1965. These lecture halls have had minimal renovations since they were originally constructed. Seating was replaced in 2010.

The proposed schedule for the project is to complete design during the fall and early winter of 2014 followed by construction during the summer of 2015. This project does not increase the amount of space at UM. It will improve the Net Asset Value. The most recent estimated renovation age of the facility is 50 years and the estimated net asset value stands at approximately 53 percent. A slight decrease in operating costs is expected due to the newer, more efficient air handling equipment and lighting.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee forward this item to the Consent Agenda at the September 21-22, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the expenditure of up to $1,740,000 from the proceeds of General Obligation Bond funds approved by voters in November 2013 to upgrade first floor lecture halls in Little Hall.

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