AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Payson Smith Hall Chemistry Lab Renovation, USM

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Southern Maine requests approval to spend up to $1.25 million of General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate the chemistry laboratory in Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus.

This request is pursuant to Board policy 701 which requires a project 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 Payson Smith Chemistry lab was built with the construction of the building in 1959. The 55 year old lab has never been renovated.

The University of Southern Maine requests approval to spend up to $1,250,000 of the State Bond Funds approved in November 2013 to renovate and modernize this lab, an adjacent lab materials storage area and a prep room. The scope of work includes the necessary abatement of hazardous materials.

This project does not increase facility space or change its use. Any change in operating costs is expected to be nominal. The project construction is expected to be complete by September 2015. Final project close-out is expected by September 2016.

The Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee approved this recommendation to be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for Board of Trustees approval.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee and authorizes the expenditure of up to $1,250,000 from the proceeds of General Obligation Bond funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate the chemistry lab and other improvements at Payson Smith Hall in Portland.

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