AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Science Building Laboratory Renovations, USM

2. INITIATED BY: Norman L. Fournier, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Southern Maine requests approval to spend up to $700,000 of General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate science laboratories in the Science Building 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 within the purview of the Committee to approve without further consideration by the Board.

The Portland Campus Science Building contains eight labs in need of upgrading. These labs are used for biology, chemistry and physics. The University of Southern Maine requests approval to spend $700,000 of the State Bond Funds approved in November 2013 to renovate and modernize these facilities.

The renovations would include paint, flooring, ceilings, lighting and some equipment and furnishings.

This project does not increase facility space or the purpose of the space. 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.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee approves the expenditure of up to $700,000 from the proceeds of General Obligation Bond funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate laboratories at the Science Building on the Portland Campus.

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