AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Bailey Hall Science Laboratories, 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 $1.25 million of General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters in November 2013 to renovate general purpose science laboratory space at Bailey Hall on the Gorham campus.

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.

Bailey Hall rooms 109, 110 and 111 are general purpose science labs used by multiple disciplines. Primarily, these rooms are used to provide 100 level introductory science courses for Science Exploration, Astronomy, Geology and Environmental Science. The building and labs were constructed in 1958. These 56-year-old labs have never been renovated.

The University of Southern Maine requests approval to spend $1,250,000 of the State Bond Funds approved in November 2013 to renovate and modernize these facilities.

During this renovation, the three existing small labs will be converted to two larger labs with 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 the use of the space. Any change in operating costs is expected to be negligible. 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 forward this item to the Consent Agenda at the May 18-19, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees 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 laboratories at Bailey Hall in Gorham.

04/25/2014