

July 9, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: University of Utah – Approval to Remodel the Biomedical Polymers Research Building Remodel

Issue

The University of Utah is requesting approval of a project to remodel the Biomedical Polymers Research Building located on the Health Sciences Campus.

Background

The proposed project is designed to accommodate multiple researchers currently located in other areas on the Health Sciences Campus. The work to be performed is summarized in the attached letter from the University. The \$3,885,318 estimated project costs will be paid from funds derived from research activities and other non-state funding sources. Additional O&M funds will not be needed for this existing building.

University officials will be present at the meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Regents.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends Board authorization of this non-state funded project with the understanding that it will be submitted to the Utah State Building Board for construction authorization without legislative approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

DLB/GLS/WRH
Attachment

July 18, 2014

David Buhler
Commissioner
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

**RE: University of Utah
Biomedical Polymers Remodel**

Dear Commissioner Buhler,

The University of Utah, as part of a strategic effort to reorganize, realign and reinforce research activities is seeking approval for the remodel at the Biomedical Polymers Research Building located in the Health Sciences Campus.

The proposed project will remodel existing space within the building to accommodate multiple researchers currently located in other areas on the Health Sciences Campus. Work includes remodeling several spaces which include a majority of research laboratories, common areas, offices, and conference and equipment space. Lab benches and flooring will be removed and replaced. Equipment and furnishing costs as well as new mechanical and electrical in most areas are included. New ceilings, carpet, flooring and finishes are also included.

The proposed total project budget is \$3,885,318 and will be paid by funds derived from research activities and other operations that do not involve state appropriated funds. As an existing building with current research, there will be no increase to annual O&M.

The University of Utah respectfully seeks your support of this request and the opportunity to present this project, seeking approval, to the Finance and Facilities Committee at the July 18, 2014 Board of Regents meeting.

Thanks for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



John Nixon
Chief Business Officer

Cc: Michael G. Perez, University of Utah

Attachment: Biomedical Polymers Research Building - Powerpoint
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