

July 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: Weber State University – Non-State Funded Design and Construction of a Center for Interprofessional Education

Issue

Weber State University (WSU) requests Board approval to design and construct a 6,000 square foot Ezekiel R. and Katherine W. Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education in Health Care and authorization to present this project to the State Building Board for final approval.

Background

Regent policy R710, *Capital Facilities* requires Board approval for the design and construction of non-state funded capital development projects. State statute allows the State Building Board to approve capital development projects without legislative authorization, if the project and future operation and maintenance costs are funded entirely with non-state funds.

WSU proposes to design and construct a 6,000 square foot Interprofessional Education (IPE) facility for \$2,100,000 using donated funds. The ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the facility will be funded through clinical revenues from the College of Health. No state funds will be used for design, construction, or operation of the facility.

The donor funding is contingent upon an expedited design and construction timeline. When reviewing the scheduled meetings of the Board, State Building Board and WSU Board of Trustees, the donor timeline required that WSU bring this item to the Board for approval prior to presenting to their Board of Trustees. This project will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Trustees for their approval.

Interprofessional education integrates students from various disciplines in a learning environment that fosters communication, sharing, and collaboration in order to improve the effectiveness of healthcare delivery and reduce medical errors. The Interprofessional Education (IPE) facility is proposed to be built next to the Marriott Health building and the Stewart Stadium parking lot on the main WSU campus.

Additional information about this project and the request may be found in the attached letter and map from the University. Representatives from the University will be available to address questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board approve the design of the Ezekiel R. and Katherine W. Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education in Health Care and authorize WSU to present the project to the State Building Board for final approval. The Commissioner also recommends the Board approve construction of this project contingent upon receiving Board of Trustee approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Administrative Services

June 23, 2016

Mr. Dave Buhler, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education
Board of Regents Building
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Buhler,

Weber State University seeks authorization to program, design, and construct the new **Ezekiel R. and Katherine W. Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education in Helath Care.**

This proposed 6,000 sq.ft. facility will begin a new era in the healthcare education for Weber State University. For the first time, our students will have an exclusive center in order to gather together to attain a collaborative patient-centered education. Students from various disciplines in the college will teach and learn from one another, in addition, we will incorporate expertise from our community healthcare providers. One of the main objectives for this collaboration will be to reduce possible medical errors due to lack of communication and proper teamwork. The center will address ethics, values, teamwork, roles and responsibilities and communication patterns of healthcare providers in relationship to patients.

Additionally, we will be able to host consistent and progressive workshops at the Center by inviting expert healthcare providers from our local community as well as experienced national practitioners in the field of IPE to share their knowledge with our health professions students of every discipline. Being exposed to various teaching methodologies, innovations in medical sciences and clinical practice from other national arenas will expand the knowledge and perspective of our students and be more valuable in rendering care to the community they will serve.

The anticipated cost of the new facility is \$2.1 million. The funding for this project will is entirely from donated funds. No state funding is being requested for this project. Operation and maintenance costs will be funded by revenue generated by the College of Health profession public clinics.

Weber State would like to proceed with the programming and design of this new facility as soon as possible in order to begin construction next year.

Please place this item on the Board of Regents agenda for the July 2016 meeting. I have attached the construction cost estimate and site location and can provide more information to any of the Board members upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Halverson'.

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