

September 6, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: University of Utah – Non-State Funded Project: Orthopaedic Center Addition

Issue

The University of Utah requests Board authorization to construct a 5,000 square foot, non-state funded research laboratory as part of the Orthopaedic Center for a cost of \$2,895,000. The facility will be funded using Department of Medicine revenues and no state appropriated funds will be used for design, construction, operation, or maintenance of this facility

Background

Regent policy R702, *Non-State Funded Projects* requires Board approval for major construction or remodeling projects that require State Building Board approval. State statute (63A-5-104) requires the State Building Board approve "capital development" projects with more than \$500,000 of new space.

The Orthopaedic Center serves Utah and the western region by providing sports medicine and orthopaedic services including joint, knee, and hip replacement, physical therapy, and spinal care. The Center was expanded in 2016 with the issuance of bonds by the Regents (2016A General Revenue bonds) that provided clinical space for the growing demand of patient care and that consolidated dispersed personnel. In addition to clinical services, the Center also provides a robust research program. The requested project will expand the orthopedic research laboratory and provide space for surgical research and training to University medical students and physicians.

The University's Board of Trustees approved this project in their August 8, 2017 meeting. Additional information about the project is provided in the attached letter from the University and a diagram of the site for the proposed addition. Institution representatives will be available at the meeting to respond to Board questions.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize the University of Utah to advance the Orthopaedic Center expansion project to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachments

August 23, 2017

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

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

The University of Utah requests approval to construct an addition to the existing Orthopaedic Center. The Center needs to expand to the west to accommodate increased research opportunities for the orthopedic research laboratory on the lower level (Level A) of the building. This is a separate endeavor from the expansion project approved previously that addressed clinical needs.

There is an outdoor patio adjacent to the existing research lab area on Level A. While not part of original expansion plans, this underutilized area represents an opportunity for the UOC to increase the research presence and offering. This addition is needed to round out the facilities needed to fully support the teaching mission of the organization.

The proposed total project budget is \$2,895,000 and will be funded by School of Medicine Department funds. The project consists of a 4,700 square foot addition plus remodeling of 300 square feet at the connection. The expanded facility will enhance the surgical skill training provided to medical students, residents, and Utah physicians while also facilitating innovation in surgical techniques.

No state funds will be used for this addition for the project cost, future O&M or future improvements. These are funded entirely through operational revenues of the Orthopaedics Department. This addition is consistent with the University's approved master plan.

This project was approved by the University's Board of Trustees on August 8, 2017. We request that this be presented to the Board of Regents for approval during the meeting on September 14 and 15, 2017.

Thanks, as always, for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



John E. Nixon

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Patricia Ross Kenneth Nye

Site Diagram

