

March 21, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: Utah State University – Swenson House Non-State Funded Project

Issue

Regent policy R702, *Non-State Funded Projects* requires the Regents to review major construction or remodeling projects costing more than \$500,000 that will require State Building Board approval. Utah State University (USU) requests authorization to proceed with a non-state funded project to construct an \$800,000 Swenson House for community outreach, events, and literary education.

Background

Utah State University proposes to use donations and discretionary funds from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to construct a 6,000 square foot Swenson House at an estimated cost of \$800,000. May Swenson was an American poet who grew up in Logan, attended USU, and later gained national recognition. The University proposes to construct the facility at 669 East 500 North, close to the location of May's childhood home. The facility will provide outreach opportunities for the community, meeting space, and exhibition space to educate about May Swenson. No state appropriated funds will be used for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, or improvement of this facility.

Additional information about the project is provided in the attached map, letter from the University and architectural renderings. Representatives from the University will be present at the meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize Utah State University to present the Swenson House project to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment



March 14, 2018

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

Subject: Approval to Construct the Swenson House, a Non-State Funded Project

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

Utah State University desires to receive approval to construct the Swenson House with the overall goal of enhancing support for literature in the community and inspiring future writers. Therefore, the University requests approval to construct the Swenson House, a non-state funded project, on a vacant lot located below Old Main Hill and west of the Caine House on 500 North in Logan, Utah.

The facility, including a large porch and patio area, will be approximately 6,000 square feet and will feature a large gathering space, café/prep kitchen, and additional support spaces. The large gathering space will be flexible and the furniture moveable so that it can be the backdrop for day to day use, as well as support larger events (up to 150 attendees). An exhibition wall for memorabilia and artifacts will connect visitors to May Swenson and her extended family. Quaint writing/reading nooks will open up to the main event space and serve as places for small groups to gather and study.

The facility is projected to be \$800,000 and will be funded by private donations and discretionary funds of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. No funds will be requested from the State for construction, capital improvements, or operations and maintenance.

We appreciate your support and request that this item be placed on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting scheduled on March 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

David T. Cowley
Vice President
for Business & Finance



SOUTHEAST VIEW



NORTHEAST VIEW AND BACK PATIO



SITE PLAN AND FLOOR PLAN

SITE PLAN

-  SWENSON HOUSE
-  FUTURE CABINS
-  EXISTING TREES
-  NEW TREES
-  FLOWERING TREES
-  GRASSES
-  PROPOSED GARDENS
-  CAINE HOUSE
-  EXISTING APARTMENTS
-  RAISED BEDS
-  SHADE STRUCTURE

 SCALE
1/8" = 1'





675 East 500 North

