

Science Hall Renovations for Nutrition and Food Science

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or his designee, to award contracts to renovate research and teaching laboratories on the third floor of Science Hall for the Department of Nutrition and Food Science for a project cost not to exceed \$3,250,000. Funding for this project will be provided from Series 2013 bond proceeds allocated for this purpose.

Background and Project Description

Science Hall was constructed in 1949 and is located on the corner of Cass and Warren. Science Hall provides space to the department of Nutrition and Food Science, several general-purpose laboratory classrooms, lecture halls, and Science Stores. The building has undergone minor renovations and improvements in recent years, primarily to general purpose lecture halls and classrooms. Space assigned to the growing Nutrition and Food Science program is the focus of this project.

On March 21, 2014, the Board of Governors authorized \$240,000 to proceed with the design of this project and solicit competitive bids. The scope of this project includes renovation of the third floor of Science Hall to upgrade the environment of six research laboratories, administration space, a seminar/lecture room, food lab and associated support space. Additionally, one laboratory on the second floor, housing a department researcher, will also be renovated.

Selective demolition and construction is planned within the existing teaching laboratory space to create a core equipment facility for the department, as well as realign the existing administration space to accommodate more office and collaboration space. Mechanical and electrical systems and technology infrastructure will be installed to meet the demands of the existing and future primary investigators. New, flexible laboratory furniture will be installed to allow for more collaboration and increased efficiency within the research environment. Also, new finishes and lighting upgrades will be provided throughout the renovated space.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures, and with a focus on sustainability.