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Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium - Reflecting Pool Repair and Interior Renovation

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts for the repair of the Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium reflecting pool and its interior renovation with a project cost not to exceed \$2,500,000. Of the total project cost, \$1,000,000 will be used to repair the reflecting pool in addition to the previously approved \$2,000,000, and \$1,500,000 will be used for interior renovation. Funding for this project will be provided by Bond Funds and the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation.

Background and Project Description

The Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium, designed by Minoru Yamasaki and constructed in 1964, is located at 5203 Cass Avenue and is home to the general-purpose auditorium building, reflecting pool, and surrounding plaza. The Auditorium is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An underground passageway connects the Auditorium to the Prentis building.

Reflecting Pool

An evaluation of the reflecting pool was performed in 2012 to conduct a rehabilitation master plan for the reflecting pool, including recommendations for the pool structure's repair. That rehabilitation plan was updated in November 2020 to include materials testing, evaluation of the circulation piping, and plaza drains. The results confirmed that the pool structure, terraces, and bridges are in very poor condition. The pool's recirculating system is outdated and non-functional.

The reflecting pool at the Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium contributes to both the legacy of Yamasaki's design as well as the University's vision to enable meaningful engagement within the urban community. The scope of work will maintain all historical aspects of Yamasaki's original design with a focus on returning water to the reflecting pool associated with the following:

- Pool structure repair
- New pool liner
- Fountain filtration system replacement
- East and West bridge replacement
- Underground connecting tunnel water infiltration mitigation
- Relocation of air intake outside of the pool
- Pool plaza and steps repair

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The Board of Governors authorized the use of \$2,000,000 in university funds to repair the reflecting pool in December 2022, and this would authorize the additional \$1,000,000 in matching funds from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation.

Auditorium

The DeRoy Auditorium building was last renovated in 1985. The interior renovation portion of this project will bring its lecture halls up to date with new finishes, furniture, and the latest teaching technology. This will include the replacement of all lecture hall seating with seating that can be moved into break-out groups, foster collaboration, and provide flexibility within the classroom. Additionally, the renovation will incorporate whiteboards, access points, and other modern teaching aids and install new instructional podiums in line with modern pedagogies. These improvements will provide immense benefits to both students and faculty. The University will provide \$1,000,000 with matching support from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation of \$500,000.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures.

Project Budget

Funding Source	
Bond Funds	\$ 1,000,000
DeRoy Testamentary Foundation	\$ 1,500,000
TOTAL Sources	\$ 2,500,000
Expenditures Plan	
Design, Engineering, and Consultant Fee	\$ 175,000
Construction	\$ 1,875,000
Project Management	\$ 100,000
Contingency	\$ 350,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$ 2,500,000