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LAW SCHOOL CLASSROOM BUILDING PLANNING AND DESIGN AUTHORIZATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design the new Law School Classroom Building located in north campus with Due Diligence, Schematic Design and Design Development cost not to exceed \$2 million. The project will be funded from a loan from the university's cash pool to be repaid with previously authorized future bond proceeds. The complete project cost is anticipated to be \$45 million.

Background and Project Description

Last year, the State of Michigan approved planning authorization through the capital outlay process for Wayne State's Law School Classroom Building. Subject to pending legislative construction authorization, the state will provide \$30 million, and the university anticipates providing \$10 million in bond proceeds and \$5 million in philanthropic support to the Law School. The University has since developed preliminary programming and is now ready to proceed with the design and other due diligence for the project.

As Wayne Law approaches its centennial, its momentum is stronger than at any time in its history. In just the last seven years the law school has risen significantly in the national rankings, from No. 100 to No. 55 expanding its reach and catapulting the school to national recognition. The Law School's enrollment is expected to continue to grow with expanding programs in Masters in Law programs and a new Bachelors program.

The Law Classroom building, built in 1966, is now dated, inefficient, and ill-suited to contemporary approaches to teaching, learning, service, and collaboration. It struggles to accommodate the increasing numbers of students who seek to learn and engage, while highlighting a disparity with law schools with which it now competes that have new law centers that are technologically advanced, modern, and efficient. WSU now has a unique and powerful opportunity to build a new, world-class facility in Detroit that will propel Wayne Law's next 100 years. This project is an important first step to help WSU achieve its vision.

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Funding Source	
Loan from Cash Pool reimbursed with Future Bond Proceeds	\$2,000,000
TOTAL Sources	\$2,000,000
Expenditures Plan	
Due Diligence, SD and DD Design Fees	\$1,970,000
Construction	0
Project Management Fees	\$30,000
Contingency	0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$2,000,000

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