

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, June 13, 2013

INFORMATION ITEM C: Capital Improvement Projects on Which Staff Have Acted

In accordance with existing legislation, the Commission is expected to review and make a recommendation to the State Budget Committee for:

- (1) each project to construct buildings or facilities that has a cost greater than \$500,000;
- (2) each project to purchase or lease-purchase land, buildings, or facilities the principal value of which exceeds \$250,000;
- (3) each project to lease, other than lease-purchase, a building or facility, if the annual cost exceeds \$150,000; and
- (4) each repair and rehabilitation project if the cost of the project exceeds (a) \$750,000, if any part of the cost of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees assessed all students, and (b) \$1,000,000 if no part of the cost of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees assessed all students.

Projects of several types generally are acted upon by the staff and forwarded to the Director of the State Budget Agency with a recommendation of approval; these projects include most allotments of appropriated General Repair and Rehabilitation funds, most projects conducted with non-State funding, most leases, and requests for project cost increase. The Commission is informed of such actions at its next regular meeting. During the previous month, the following projects were recommended by the Commission staff for approval by the State Budget Committee.

I. REPAIR AND REHABILITATION

None.

II. NEW CONSTRUCTION

*D-1-12-1-01R Ball State University
New Construction of Greenhouse
Revised Project Cost: \$1,350,000*

The Trustees of Ball State University request authority to proceed with the construction of a new greenhouse at the Ball State University campus. The original building was built in 1965 (1,787 GSF) which houses the Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank and is utilized by students and faculty in the Biology Department for research and related coursework. The current facility has reached its capacity and the condition of the building can no longer support greenhouse operations. The new greenhouse (3,124 GSF) will provide space for exhibits, dedicated greenhouse space, auxiliary space, offices, etc. The estimated cost of the project is now \$1,350,000 and will be funded through gift funds provided specifically for this project. The revision is necessary due to public bid amounts exceeding the original cost estimates; additional donations were secured for the difference.

III. LEASES

None.

IV. LAND ACQUISITION

None.