COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Thursday, June 13, 2013

DECISION ITEM C9: **Capital Projects for Which Staff Proposes Expedited Action**

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following capital project(s), in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Purdue University – North Central Campus: Student Services Center architecture and engineering planning – $1,000,000
- Ball State University – Muncie Campus: Construction of new planetarium – $4,600,000
- Vincennes University – Vincennes Campus: Infrastructure improvements phase I – $4,000,000

Background

Staff recommends the following capital project be recommended for approval in accordance with the expedited action category originated by the Commission for Higher Education in May 2006. Institutional staff will be available to answer questions about these projects, but the staff does not envision formal presentations. If there are questions or issues requiring research or further discussion, the item could be deferred until a future Commission meeting.

Supporting Document

Background Information on Capital Project on Which Staff Proposes Expedited Action, June 13, 2013

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B-4-09-1-21 Purdue University – North Central Campus: Student Services Center architecture and engineering planning – $1,000,000

The Trustees of Purdue University request authorization to proceed with bonding authority to begin the architecture and engineering planning phase of construction of the Student Services Center on the North Central campus. The Student Services Center will be a multi-function complex that accommodates student life activities, service learning/leadership centers, and wellness programs. The project will also create conference facilities and flexible breakout facilities for academic classes. This project has not been fully reviewed by the Commission, but it was originally approved and funded through fee replacement by the General Assembly in 2007. The project was placed on hold due to funding. The General Assembly reauthorized and funded this $1,000,000 project through fee replacement in 2013. After the design phase is completed and funding is finalized, Purdue University will make a full presentation to the Commission to request authorization for construction.

D-1-13-1-01 Ball State University – Muncie Campus: Construction of new planetarium -– $4,600,000

The Trustees of Ball State University request authorization to proceed with the construction of a new planetarium. The current planetarium is located in the basement of the Cooper Science Complex, which was built in 1967. Growth in the undergraduate astronomy enrollment (approximately 2,000 students) and expansion of community outreach programs necessitate additional space and newer equipment. This project represents a 6,500 square foot expansion near the Cooper Science Complex. The existing planetarium will be incorporated into the Cooper Science Complex renovation, which will be submitted by the institution in the future. This $4,600,000 project will be funded using private donations, with repair and rehabilitation being funded through the state formula.

E-1-13-2-02 Vincennes University – Vincennes Campus: Infrastructure improvements phase I – $4,000,000

The Trustees of Vincennes University request authorization to proceed with infrastructure improvements to their steam and electrical systems. The current electrical substation and associated infrastructure are outdated, which makes adding capacity difficult. Additionally, the steam lines on campus are showing signs of age and corrosion. The campus' planned growth requires significant upgrades to the infrastructure to ensure scalability and stable service. This project will upgrade the Fourth Street electrical substation and allow the campus to place the utility lines underground to facilitate future construction. The steam system will be renovated by replacing approximately 5,700 lineal feet of steam lines to ensure proper redundancy and maximum efficiency. The $4,000,000 cost of this project will be paid using institutional reserves. Future phase(s) using state funds will be submitted for full review.