THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents
February 14, 2008

Subject: David M. Dennison Building
         Auditoria Renovations

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The approximately 143,000 gross square foot David M. Dennison Building, built in 1963, houses classrooms and administrative offices of several College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) departments. Dennison's auditoria 170 and 182 are used primarily as demonstration classrooms by the Department of Astronomy and the Department of Physics, as well as for the Saturday Morning Physics lecture series. This project will upgrade both auditoria, approximately 5,600 gross square feet, including new finishes, new seating including additional barrier-free seating, lighting, new doors, handrails at the aisles, and accessibility improvements. Infrastructure improvements include a new accessible restroom adjacent to the auditoria, networking to support current and future multimedia technology, and acoustic improvements. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,750,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts resources and General Fund resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2008.

We recommend that the Regents approve the David M. Dennison Building Auditoria Renovations project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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