Subject: Lorch Hall
Building Envelope Repair

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Lorch Hall was constructed in 1928 and houses the Department of Economics and the Department of Linguistics within the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. A recent study to evaluate the exterior of the building prioritized recommendations to renew the aging masonry in areas of significant deterioration. This project will implement the highest-priority recommendations, including masonry and steel repairs, roofing repairs, and repair of damaged rain conductors that traverse the interior of the building. 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 $1,600,000. Funding will be provided from 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 Board of Regents. The engineering firm of Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2010.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Lorch Hall Building Envelope Repair 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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