Subject: West Hall
Renovation for the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

This project will relocate the Department of Astronomy from its current location in the David M. Dennison Building to the third and fourth floors of West Hall to permit greater collaboration with the Center for the Study of Complex Systems and the Department of Physics located in West Hall. A renovation of approximately 21,800 gross square feet of space within West Hall is planned to accommodate the relocation. The project will also relocate the administrative offices of the Department of Statistics from the fourth floor of West Hall to space that will be shared with the Department of Astronomy to gain administrative efficiencies. 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 $5,500,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or 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 architectural firm of Quinn Evans Architects will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 14 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the West Hall Renovation for the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts 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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