

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

April 16, 2009

Subject: Couzens Hall Renovation

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

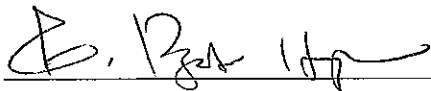
Background:

Constructed in 1925, Couzens Hall is a 180,000 gross square foot, five-story residence hall housing approximately 560 students. Consistent with the overall Residential Life Initiative presented to the Board of Regents in September 2004, we propose a deep renovation of Couzens Hall. The renovation will update infrastructure including: new plumbing, heating, ventilation, fire detection and suppression systems, wired and wireless high-speed network access, renovated bath facilities and accessibility improvements. New spaces will be created in the vacated dining areas that are no longer needed since the Hill Dining Center became operational. New and reorganized spaces within the facility will revitalize the old residence hall and create spaces for student interaction, creation of community, and living-learning activities. In addition, air-conditioning will be provided throughout 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.

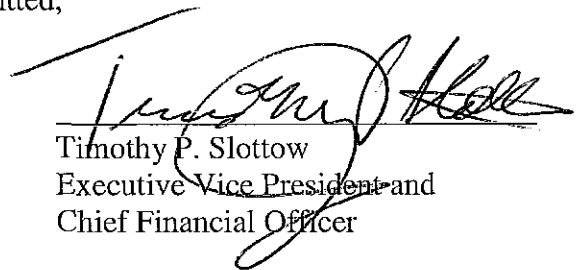
The estimated cost of the project is \$49,000,000. Funding will be provided from Housing resources and investment proceeds. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions, LLC will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Couzens Hall Renovation project as described and authorize commissioning Integrated Design Solutions, LLC for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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