


MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Fred L. Poston 

Subject: Authorization to Plan
Case Hall – First Floor Renovations of Dining Hall

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Case Hall – First Floor Renovations of Dining Hall.

BACKGROUND

Program Need:

Michigan State University (MSU) has the largest and most diverse self-operated dining service in the country. The division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) provides 30,000 meals daily in 12 residential dining facilities, the MSU Union, the International Center, and 15 coffee houses. The dining facilities range in age from 70 years at Landon Hall to two years at the Gallery in Snyder Phillips Hall. The facilities require renewal to meet today's student dining needs in addition to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and kitchen improvements. The university is also developing a dining services plan to fit with the neighborhood concept as it is developed.



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Case Hall, located in the south neighborhood, has the greatest renovation need based on projected use of RHS dining facilities by students and guests.

General Description of the Project:

The scope of the project will include a complete renovation of the existing Case Hall dining room and serving area and provide wait-to-cook display platforms, a main dining venue, and a retail/beverage outlet. This renovation may require expansion of the building. The project will include life safety code upgrades, fire safety, and commissioning.

Case Hall is located on the southwest corner of Shaw Lane and Chestnut Road in the residential district. The location of this project is consistent with the Campus Master Plan and Planning Principles.

Based on an assessment of the factors stated in the Project Planning and Approval Process concerning Project Labor Agreements (PLA), the Vice President for Finance and Operations has determined that a PLA would not have utility for this project.

Communication Plan:

During the planning phase, the campus community will have opportunities to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during the design phase.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on cost experience for similar projects and current pricing information, the preliminary project cost estimate is \$16,000,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

The source of funds for this project is expected to be from tax-exempt financings with debt repayment from RHS.

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