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December 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Fred L. Poston 

Subject: **Project Approval - Authorization to Proceed**
MSU Union - North Neighborhood Engagement Center and
Multicultural Center

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with the project entitled MSU Union - North Neighborhood Engagement Center and Multicultural Center, and that it approve a budget of \$13,000,000.



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BACKGROUND

Program Need:

The North Campus Neighborhood Engagement Center is temporarily located on the third floor and the Multicultural Center is currently located on the ground floor of the MSU Union. It is important to create a visible and accessible Engagement Center and Multicultural Center that will speak to the goal of intercultural engagement. The Engagement Center provides services to the north campus residential neighborhood and to off campus students. The placement of the Multicultural Center in a more visible and accessible location, with expanded capacity and features, will serve as a beacon to share and celebrate the values of diversity and inclusion of the campus community and beyond.

Description of the Project:

The project involves renovations on the ground, first, second, and third floors of the MSU Union in order to house the core functions of the Engagement Center and the Multicultural Center. The renovations will create a vibrant space for students to gather for cultural, social and academic activities. The design will include office space, semi-private and private group meeting and study space; integration of art and culture into the design; multi-purpose space for such program activities as dance and cultural presentations; relocation of university classroom space with increased capacity and functionality, supportive of changes in pedagogy, and available for student programming; consolidation of Union meeting rooms; just in time maintenance and exterior card access;

flooring and paint; power and data; and furniture. Space on the ground floor (lower level) will house student-focused space including tutoring rooms, university classrooms, computers, informal meeting space, University Activities Board offices, student resource center, and a creative studio. The second floor will house the main area of the Engagement Center and the Multicultural Center; the third floor will house Union meeting rooms displaced from the second floor.

The MSU Union - North Neighborhood Engagement Center and Multicultural Center project is located on the corner of Grand River Avenue and Abbott Road in the north academic district. The location of this project is consistent with the Campus Master Plan and Planning Principles.

The Architect/Engineer is Integrated Design Solutions. The Construction Manager is Triangle Associates, Inc.

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 and Treasurer has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

Communication Feedback:

The campus community was given opportunities to provide feedback during the planning phase and any concerns have been addressed in the project design. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services facilitated participation with student groups by hosting a visioning session and design charette led by the project planning team. To encourage ongoing student input and feedback, a Facebook page has been set-up. As the project has progressed, student input and feedback has remained a high priority.

The Office of Campus Planning and Administration has reviewed this project and found it to be consistent with the Campus Master Plan and Planning Principles. The Campus Infrastructure Planning Work Group also supports the recommendation to proceed with the project.

As construction proceeds, the schedule will be reviewed with the campus community.

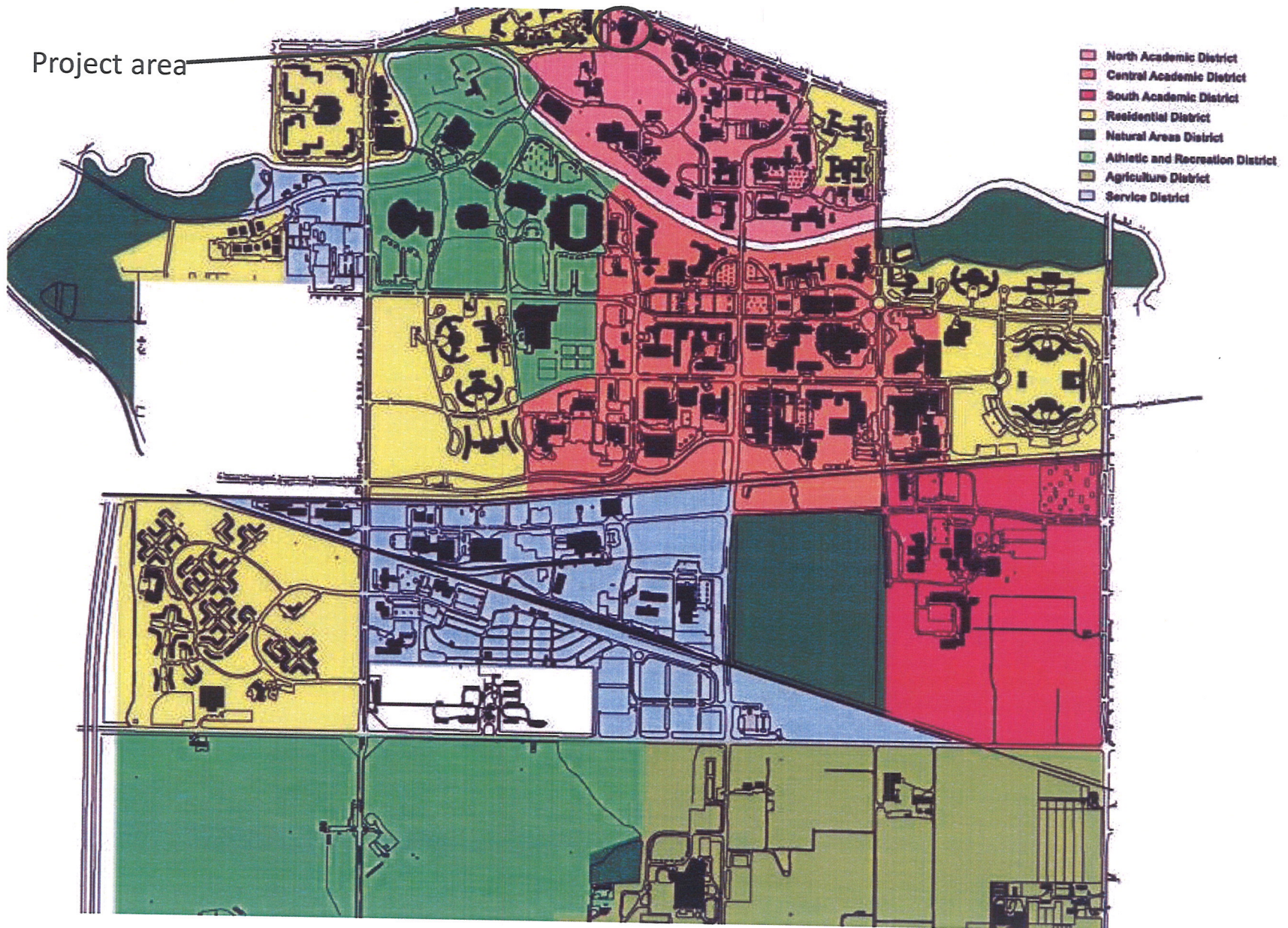
Project Cost and Timetable:

The budget for this Construction Manager project is \$13,000,000, which is being funded by Residential and Hospitality Services, Just-In-Time, and the general fund.

Construction is planned to begin in April 2013, with substantial completion August 2013, and final completion by August 2014.

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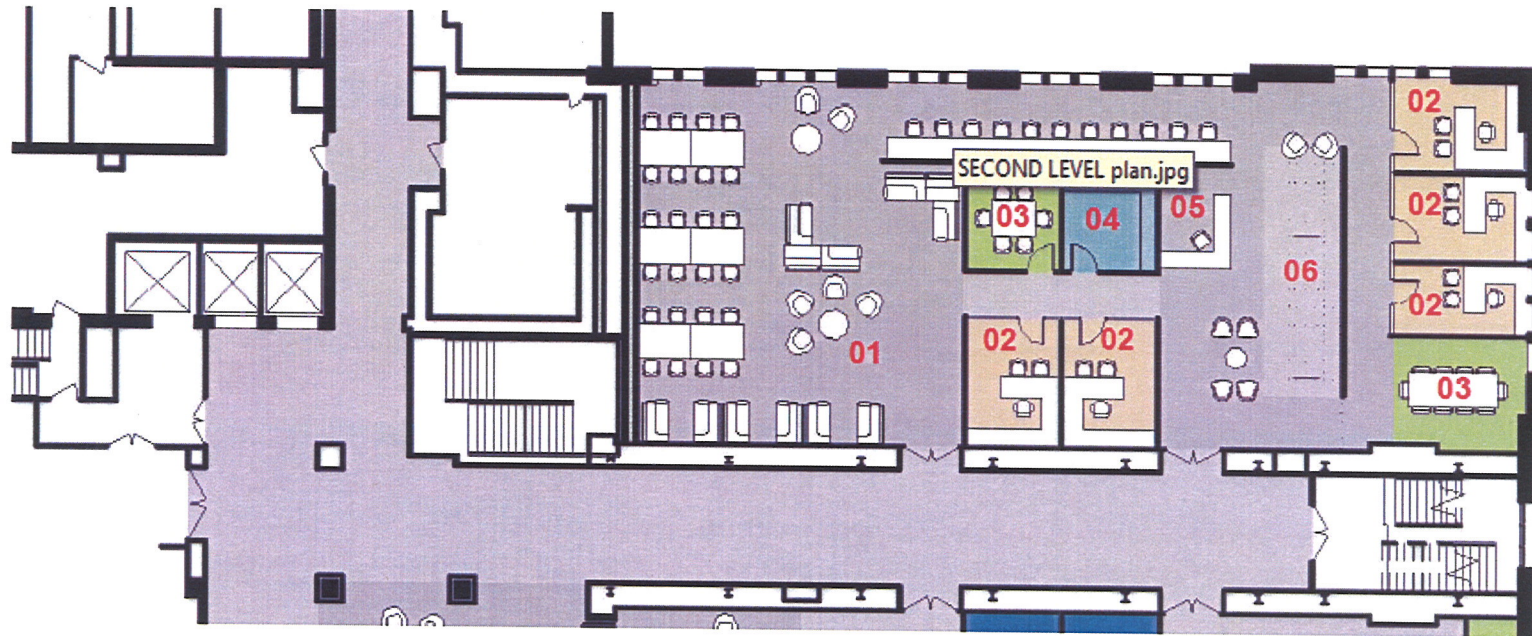
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SECOND LEVEL PLAN



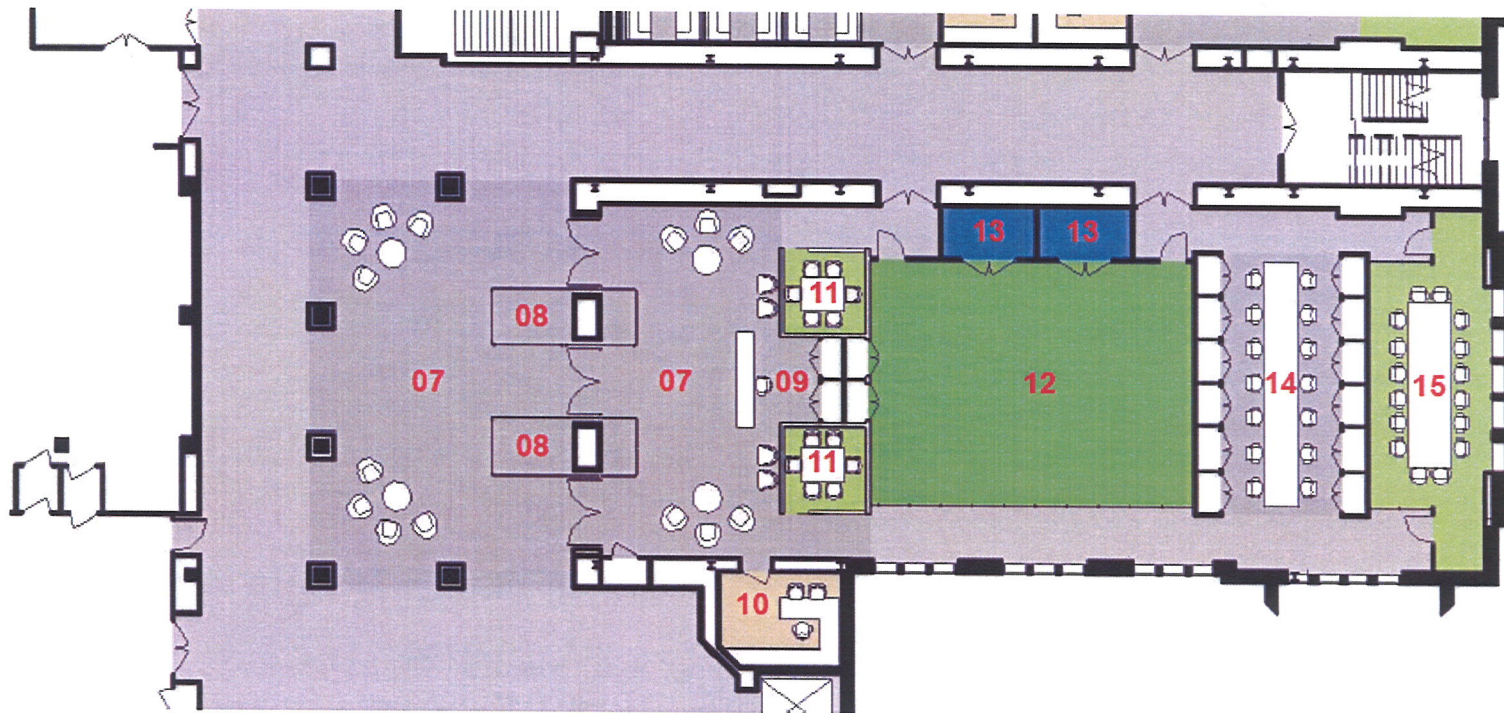
ENGAGEMENT CENTER SUITE



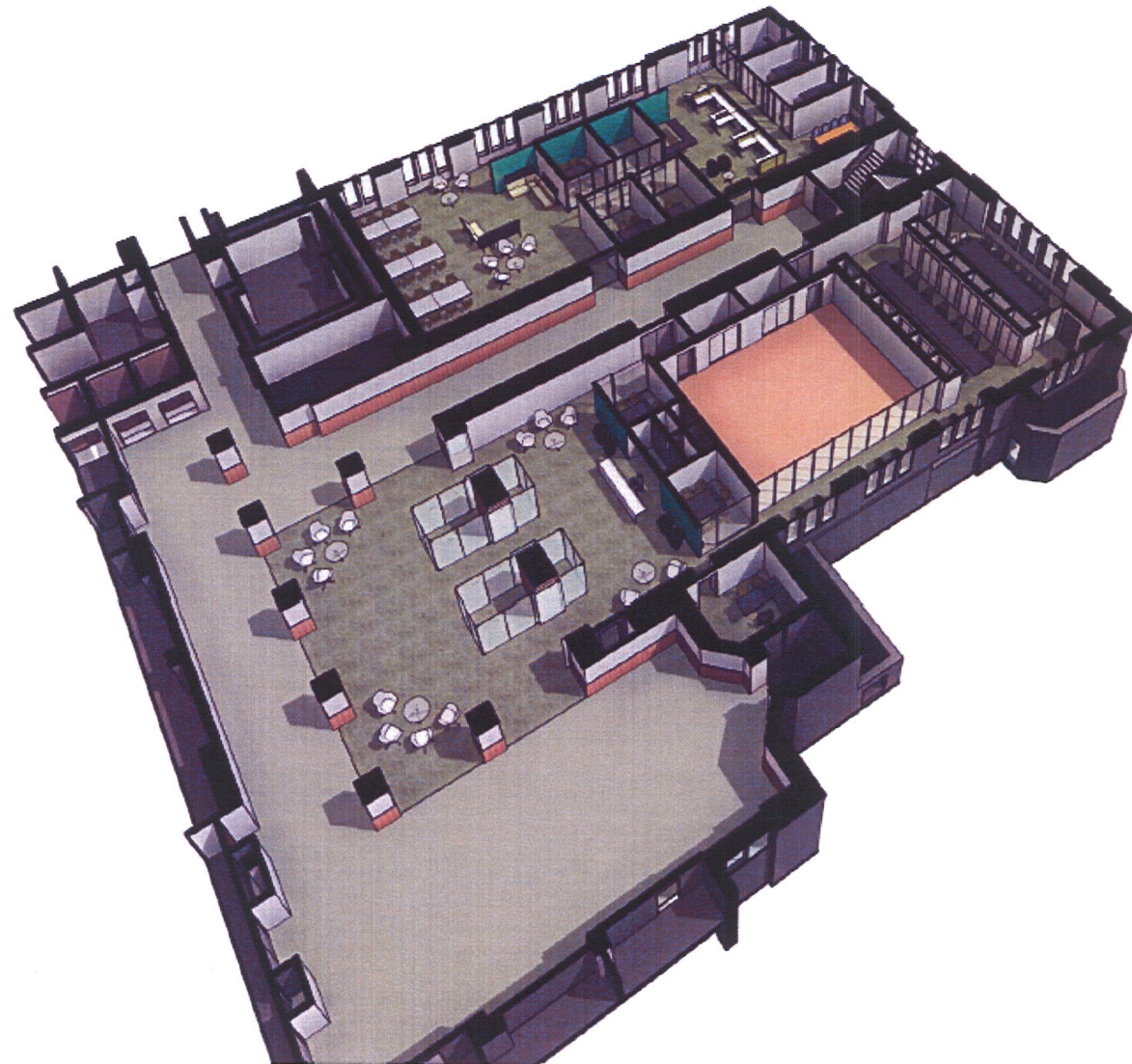
- OPEN COMPUTERS / ENGAGEMENT LOUNGE 01
- PRIVATE OFFICE 02
- MEETING ROOM 03
- WORKROOM 04
- ENGAGEMENT RECEPTION 05
- WORKSTATIONS 06

MULTICULTURAL CENTER

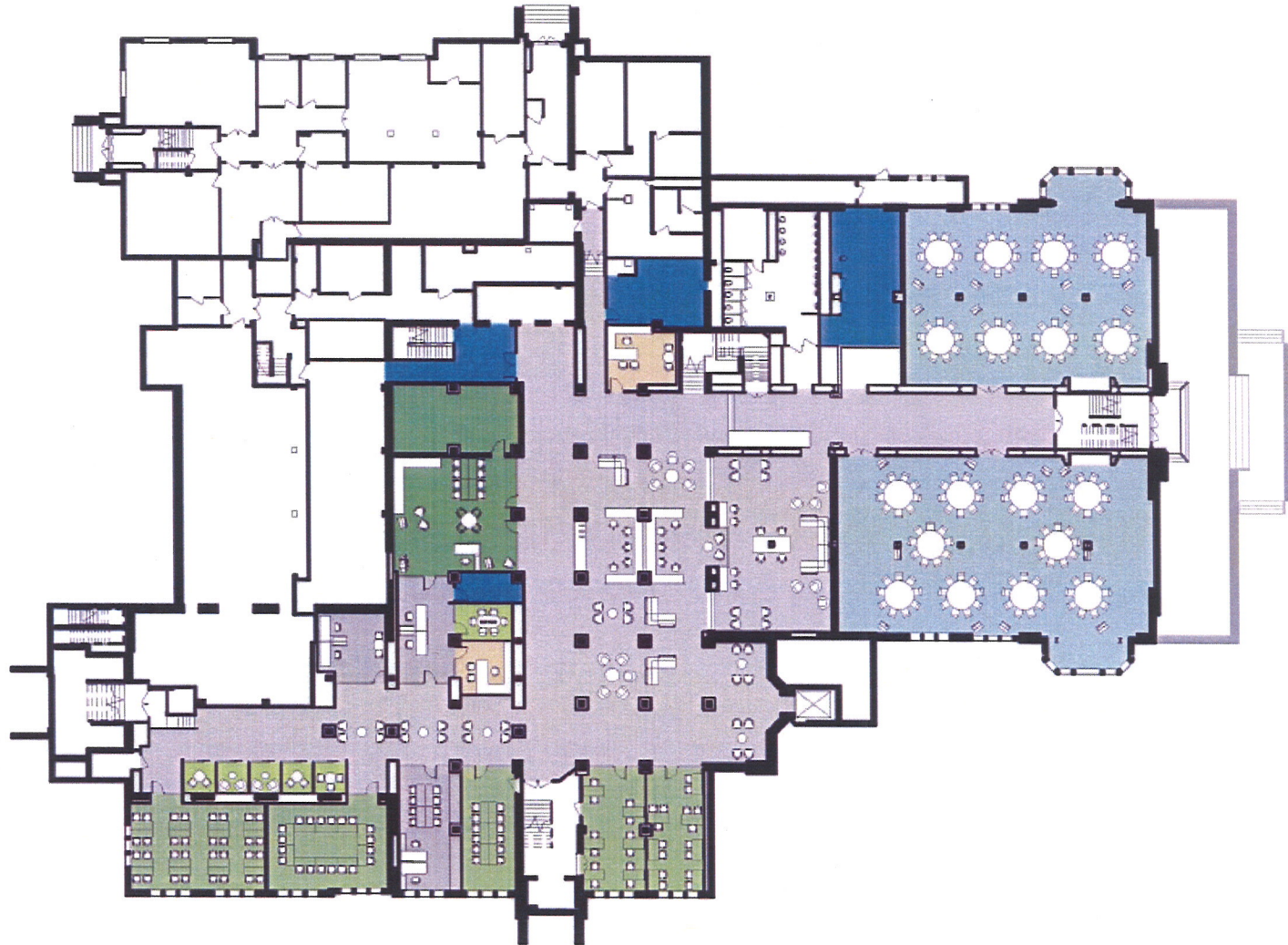
ART GALLERY / LOUNGE	07
ART / ARTIFACT DISPLAY	08
RECEPTION DESK	09
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OFFICE	10
MEETING ROOM	11
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM	12
MULTI-PURPOSE STORAGE	13
OPEN OFFICE	14
CONFERENCE ROOM	15



OVERHEAD VIEW INTO MULTICULTURAL CENTER & ENGAGEMENT CENTER SUITE

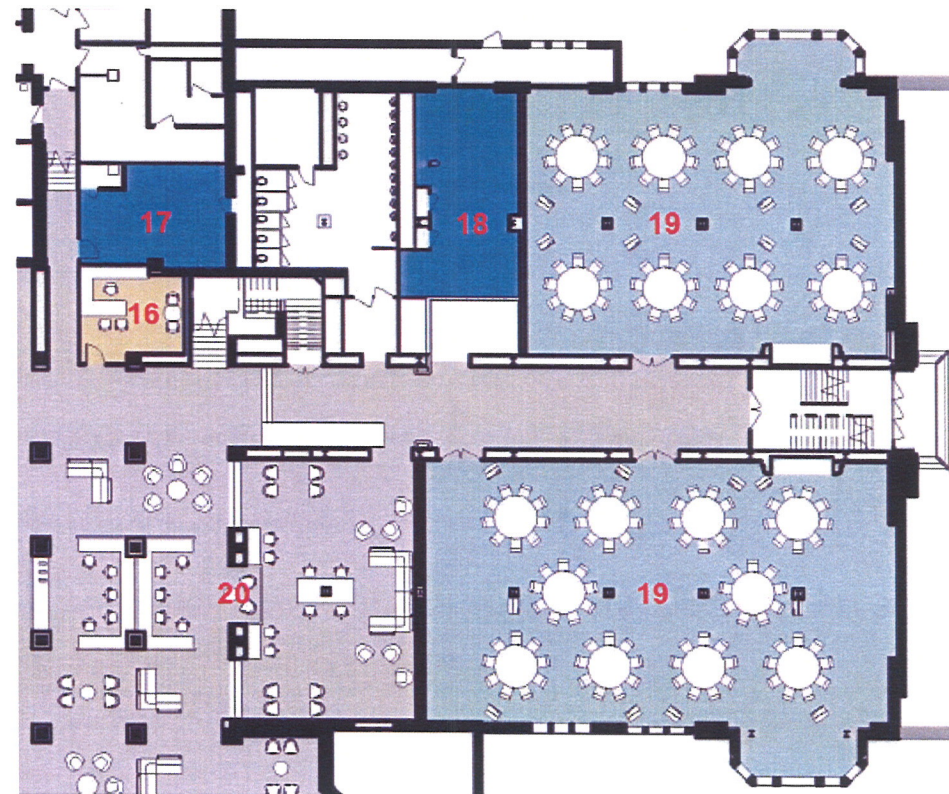


GROUND LEVEL PLAN



LARGE CLASSROOMS / LOUNGE

- 16 MSU POLICE OFFICE
- 17 IDF ROOM
- 18 WOMEN'S TOILET ROOM
- 19 CLASSROOM
- 20 COMPUTERS / LOUNGE

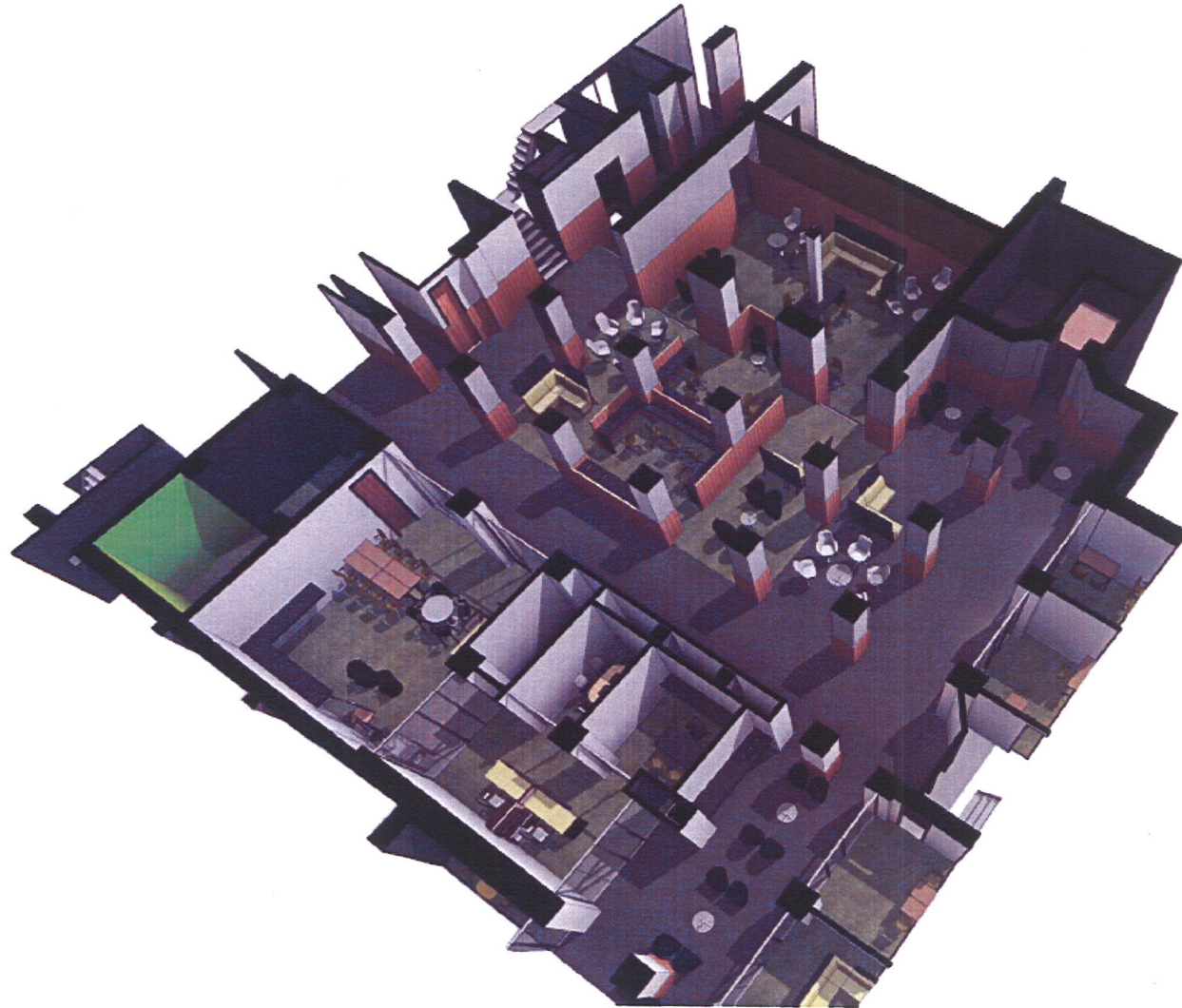


ENGAGEMENT LOUNGE / UAB SUITE / TUTORING

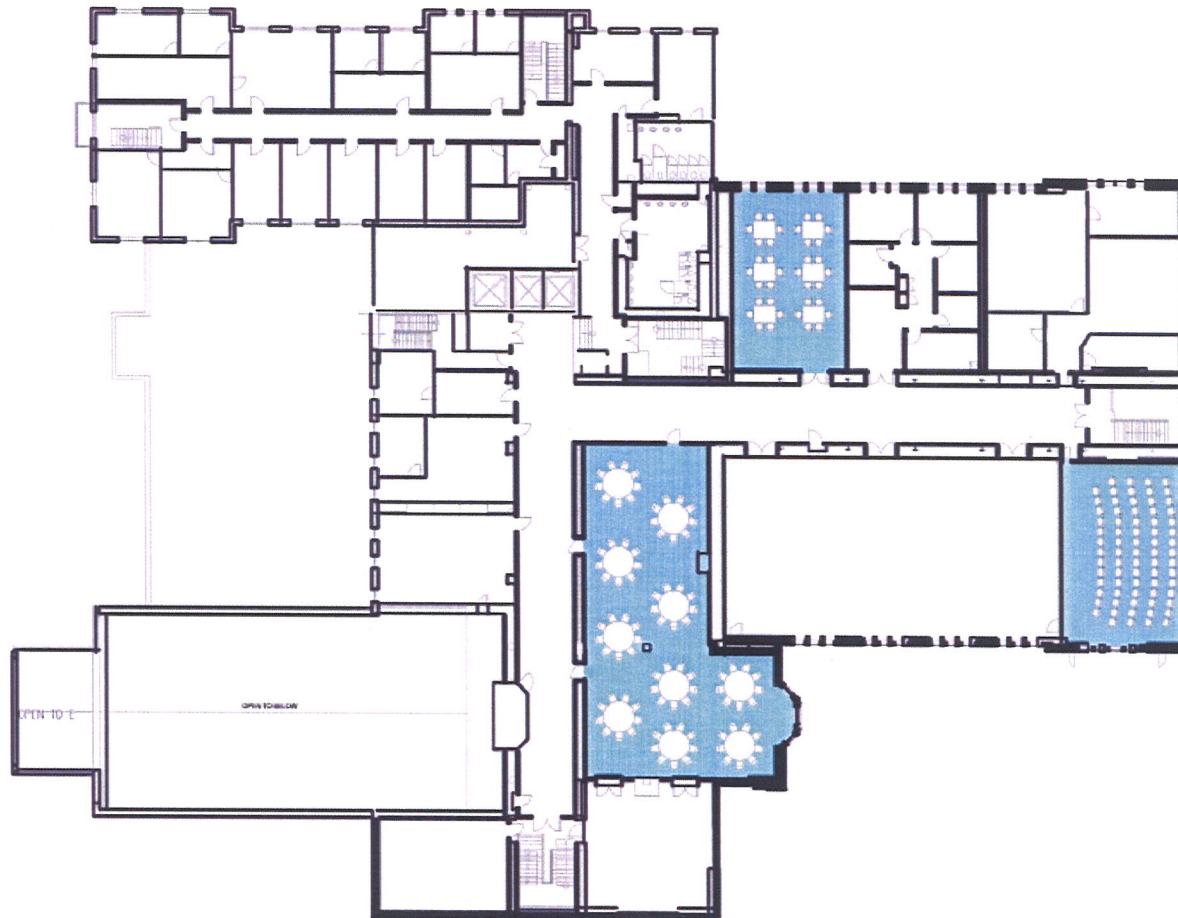


COMPUTERS / LOUNGE	20
TUTORING	21
MEETING ROOMS	22
STUDY ROOMS	23
GRAD. ADVISOR OFFICE	24
UAB STAFF OFFICE	25
UAB MANAGER OFFICE	26
UAB CONFERENCE ROOM	27
UAB STORAGE	28
RESOURCE ROOM	29
CREATIVE STUDIO	30
STAGING SPACE	31

OVERHEAD VIEW OF GROUND LEVEL LOUNGE



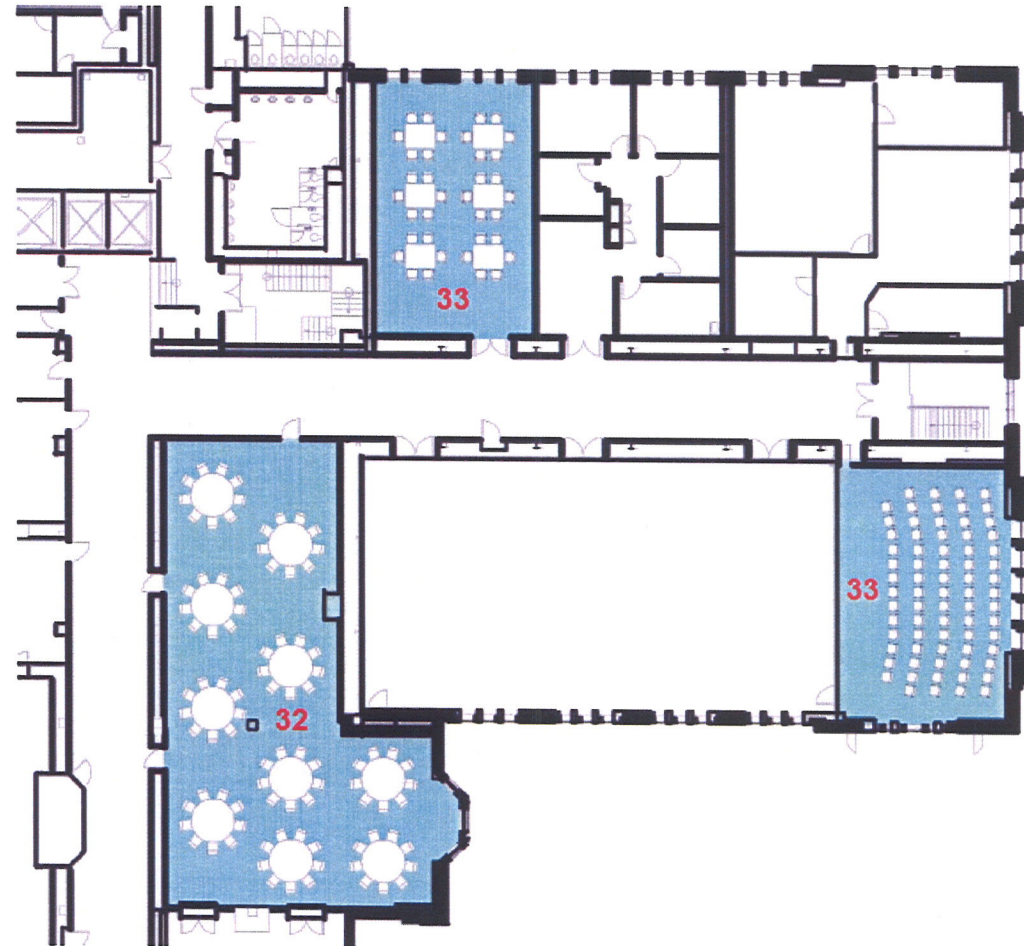
THIRD LEVEL PLAN



THIRD FLOOR

BANQUET / MEETING ROOMS

- 32 LARGE BANQUET ROOM
- 33 MEETING ROOM

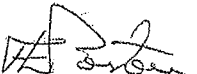


**MICHIGAN STATE
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October 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
MSU Union - North Neighborhood Engagement Center and
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RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled MSU Union - North Neighborhood Engagement Center and Multicultural Center.

BACKGROUND

Program Need:

The North Campus Neighborhood Engagement Center is temporarily located on the third floor and the Multicultural Center is currently located on the ground floor of the MSU Union. It is important to create a visible and accessible Engagement Center and Multicultural Center that will speak to the goal of intercultural engagement. This Engagement Center provides services to the north campus residential neighborhood and to off campus students. The placement of the Multicultural Center in a more visible and accessible location, with expanded capacity and features, will serve as a beacon to share and celebrate the values of diversity and inclusion of the campus community and beyond.

General Description of the Project:

The planning of this project is anticipated to include creation of spaces that will support the Engagement Center and the Multicultural Center programs. Space on the second floor of the MSU Union is anticipated to house the core functions of the Engagement Center and the Multicultural Center creating a vibrant space for students to gather for cultural, social, and academic activities.



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The anticipated design will include office space, semi-private and private group meeting and study space; integration of art and culture into the design; and multi-purpose space for such program activities as dance practice and cultural presentations. Space on the ground floor (lower level) would be redeveloped for meeting rooms, study and programming space, in part to replace functions currently located on the second floor.

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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 and Treasurer has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

Communication Plan:

During the planning phase, the campus community will be given 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. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services is facilitating participation with student groups by hosting a visioning session and design charette led by the project planning team. To encourage on-going student input and feedback, a Facebook page has been set-up. As the project progresses, student input and feedback will remain a high priority.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on cost experience for similar projects and current pricing information, the preliminary project cost estimate is \$10,000,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

The source of funds for the project is expected to be a combination of Auxiliary Funds - Residential and Hospitality Services and the general fund.

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