

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Vennie G. Gore 
Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises

Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
Breslin Student Events Center - Facility Upgrades

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Breslin Student Events Center - Facility Upgrades.



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BACKGROUND

Program Need:

The Jack Breslin Student Events Center opened in 1989. The building hosts more than 100 events annually, including acting as the home to MSU men's and women's basketball. In 2013, Residential and Hospitality Services and Intercollegiate Athletics commissioned studies to examine how to use the facility to its highest functional capacity as a major event center for MSU. Specifically, the studies examined current building conditions, variances with current building codes, energy saving opportunities, and enhancing the patron experience at events.

General Description of the Project:

This project is anticipated to include updating building systems, such as replacement of the chiller, toilet room upgrades, concourse and concession upgrades; building access control; loading dock upgrades and freight elevator replacement; replacement of damaged arena fixtures and doors; and incorporation of energy saving opportunities. The planning phase would also include consideration of how it may be possible to accommodate other changes to the building to meet needs of Intercollegiate Athletics, focusing on efficiencies within the overall project and potentially including ticketing and donor support spaces, among others.

The Jack Breslin Student Events Center is located on Birch Road in the athletic and recreation district. The location of this project is consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

Communication Plan:

The campus community will have opportunities to provide feedback on the project during the planning phase. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during project design.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on cost experience for similar projects and current pricing information, the preliminary project cost estimate for the basic building renovations is estimated at \$28,000,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined. The source of funds for the building renovations is expected to be tax-exempt debt with repayment from the general fund.

If athletic-specific changes to the building are also made, their cost will be determined during the planning phase. Those expenses will be funded by donor support and Intercollegiate Athletics, within the capacity of its budget.

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