



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Action Summary

Committee Name Budget & Finance

Date April 10, 2026

Agenda Item: PROCEED – Spartan Success Center

Information

Review

Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to proceed with the project entitled "Spartan Success Center" with a project budget of \$5,200,000.

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Budget & Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Administration to proceed with renovations to Suite 150 in the Hannah Administration Building to provide a space focusing on student development and success, including first-generation students.

Prior Action by BOT:

The Board authorized planning for this project on June 13, 2025.

Responsible Officers:

Kenneth McFarlane, Associate Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

Barbara J. Kranz, Assistant Provost and Executive Director, Institutional Space Planning and Management

Summary:

The Spartan Success Center, previously approved by the Board in June 2025 as the ‘First Gen Center,’ will consolidate access to a wide range of student academic, belonging, wellbeing, and administrative services such as academic advising, strategic retention, success coaches, career services, health and wellbeing, tutoring, and academic success workshops.

Suite 150 of the Hannah Administration Building will be renovated to house the Spartan Success Center. The scope of the project is approximately 12,500 square feet. Relocation and right-sizing of the existing

programs within the Hannah Administration Building provided the opportunity to repurpose Suite 150 for the establishment of the Student Success Center.

Background Information:

The Spartan Success Center will be a dedicated space to support MSU students, including first generation students. More than one in five students at MSU are first-generation students meaning their parents did not earn a bachelor’s degree. While the needs of first-generation students align with the needs of all students, they are often experienced with greater intensity. Evidence shows that intentionally designed shared spaces encourage meaningful engagement among students from diverse demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds. This cross-engagement is a key driver of student success, fostering a stronger sense of belonging, improving retention, and contributing to both academic achievement and postgraduate outcomes.

Source of Funds:

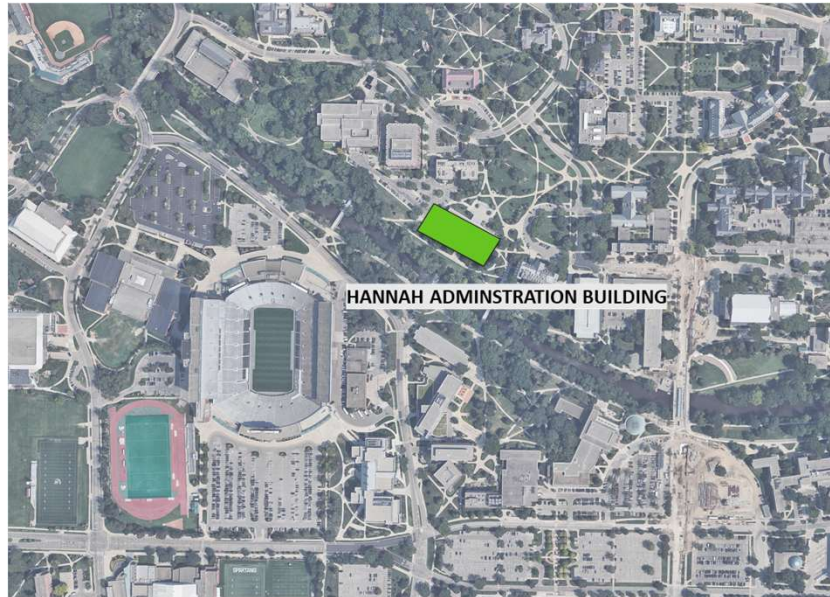
The budget is \$5,200,000 to be funded by short-term debt during the construction period and paid for by cash at the end of construction with funds from the capital reserve.

Resource Impact:

The Spartan Success Center will provide a welcoming, student-centered environment, supporting holistic student development – academically, personally, and professionally. By fostering a sense of community and belonging, supporting student success initiatives contribute to increased student retention and graduation.

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