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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING DEMOLITION

Action Requested: Consider approving the demolition of the Andrews-Richards House on the Iowa State University campus.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary: Iowa State University wishes to raze the Andrews-Richards House which was constructed in 1956 as a home management facility affiliated with the College of Home Economics. When those programs were discontinued, the building was used to meet some of the administrative space needs of the College of Human Sciences (The College of Human Sciences combined the College of Education and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2005.) The Child Welfare Research project staff was housed in this building for many years. A map showing the location of the property is included as Attachment A.

When the Hixson-Lied Student Success Center was constructed on the site directly between Andrews-Richards House and Fisher-Nickell Hall, another home management facility, the latter was demolished to provide a parking lot, service court, and building access to Hixson-Lied from the north. Since Andrews-Richards was recently vacated, it is the opportune time to remove an empty and substandard facility from the Richardson Court Residence Hall area.

Andrews-Richards House, an 8,800 gross square foot building valued at over $10,000, has a number of serious deficiencies and no longer has value to the University. The building does not meet minimal accessibility codes and changes to the facility are not practical. The asbestos tile roof needs repair and would be prohibitively expensive to replace. There has been persistent water infiltration into the basement for the last several years with significant flooding in August 2010.

After building demolition, the site would be restored and appropriately landscaped.

The estimated cost of $250,000 for razing Andrews-Richards House would be funded by university funds.

Approval of the demolitions is requested in accordance with Iowa Code Iowa Code §262.11 and the Board’s Policy Manual Chapter 9.02, which requires the Board to approve the disposal of buildings with an estimated value of $10,000 or more.
Andrews Richards Site Plan