MEMORANDUM

To:        Board of Regents
From:      Board Office
Subject:   Razing of Buildings
Date:      January 10, 2000

Recommended Action:

Authorize the University to raze the following campus structures:

1. Seashore Hall—Southwest Wing;
2. Facilities Services Building (103 West Burlington Street); and
3. Miscellaneous Services Building (29 West Court Street).

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary:

Regent Procedural Guide §7.11 requires that the disposal of a building with an estimated value of $1,000 or more be docketed for Board action. The University requests permission to demolish three structures which are 90 to 100 years in age. The University has indicated that the existing configuration and condition of the buildings makes their renovation unfeasible. Cost estimates for the demolition work have yet to be developed, but the University will proceed with the individual demolition projects in accordance with Board procedures. The University indicates that action is needed now in order to proceed promptly and anticipates that demolition of all three structures will be completed by the fall of 2000.

Campus maps which indicate the location of the three structures are included as attachments.


**Background and Analysis:**

At the September 1999 Board meeting, the University provided a report on the deteriorating condition of the southwest wing of Seashore Hall which was constructed in 1899. The University outlined its plans to vacate the 12,350 gross square foot structure. The University reports that vacation of the wing is now complete and it wishes to proceed with demolition.

Seashore Hall Remodeling is included in the Board’s Five-Year Capital Priority Plan for FY 2001 – FY 2005 with recommended funding in FY 2003 – FY 2005. Included as part of the project is the removal and replacement of the southwest and center wings. Due to the deteriorating condition of the southwest wing, the University wishes to pursue demolition at this time.

The southwest wing, which was part of the original construction of Seashore Hall, was constructed as a separate, defined area which can be demolished, leaving the remainder of Seashore Hall intact. Following removal of the wing, the adjacent area of the building will be sealed to allow interior hallways connecting the center and northwest wings to remain in service.

The University has completed construction of the University Services Building, which is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Prentiss and South Capitol Streets and houses the Department of Human Resources, and portions of Information Technology Services and the Facilities Services Group. The new building will permit the reorganization of Facilities Services Group functions, and vacation of the Facilities Services Building and the Miscellaneous Services Building. The Facilities Services Building (8,400 square feet) was originally constructed as a grocery store of wood and brick veneer, and has provided office space for the Facilities Services Group. The Miscellaneous Services Building (2,650 square feet) was originally constructed as a single-family, wood-frame house, and has been used as the University key shop. The demolition of these buildings will facilitate development of the area south of Burlington Street consistent with the University’s long-range plans for this area of campus.

Approved: 
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