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REGISTER OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Actions Requested: Consider approval of permission to proceed with project planning for the **Sabin Hall Renovation** project, a major capital project as defined by Board policy.

1. Acknowledge receipt of the University's initial submission of information to address the Board's capital project evaluation criteria (see Attachment A);
2. Accept the Board Office recommendation that the project meets the necessary criteria for Board consideration; and
3. Authorize permission to proceed with project planning, including the architectural selection process.

Executive Summary: The **Sabin Hall Renovation** project would update the instructional and office areas of Sabin Hall, which is major classroom facility that houses the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The facility is located directly south of the Maucker Union (see Attachment B for map).

Sabin Hall was constructed in 1912-1913 and was most recently renovated in 1969. The proposed renovation project, which includes the upgrade of classrooms, laboratories and offices and installation of new building infrastructure, is needed to accommodate modern instructional and research needs and meet current code requirements. The University believes the renovated facility would enhance the recruitment of students, particularly within the State of Iowa.

The project is included in the Board's FY 2008 capital plan received by the Board in August 2007. The estimated project cost of \$11.8 million would be funded by the sale of Academic Building Revenue Bonds, as authorized during the 2007 legislative session.

Details of Project:

Sabin Hall Renovation

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
Permission to Proceed		Sept. 2007	Requested
Initial Review and Consideration of Capital Project Evaluation Criteria		Sept. 2007	Receive Report

Sabin Hall Renovation

Evaluation Criteria

Since the project meets the Board's definition of a major capital project, the University has provided the following information in response to the Board's evaluation criteria.

Institutional Mission/Strategic Plan: Sabin Hall houses the office of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and several departments in that college. It is a major University classroom facility which was last renovated in 1969. The renovation will provide modern updated classrooms and laboratories. This supports UNI's Strategic Plan Goal 1, "Provide intellectually challenging and character-building experiences for undergraduate and graduate students in a personalized learning environment" and Goal 2, "Maintain a faculty distinguished by their creative and intellectually rigorous teaching and scholarship."

This project is also consistent with UNI's Strategic Plan Goal 5, "Provide and maintain appropriate resources including staffing for effective and efficient University operations."

In UNI's Strategic Plan, the vision of the University is to be the leader among the nation's finest public comprehensive universities, characterized by a multicultural and inclusive community with high-quality teaching/learning environments and socially responsible contributions to the State of Iowa, the nation, and the world. The Sabin Hall Renovation project will help us continue to attract the finest Iowa students, as well as enhance student recruitment in general.

Other Alternatives Explored: The building is located on central campus and is structurally sound. The building also has historical significance for the University. Demolition and reconstruction would be more costly, time-consuming, and disruptive to the academic environment.

Impact on Other Facilities and Square Footage: The project will not result in the abandonment, transfer, or demolition of existing facilities.

Financial Resources for Construction Project: Funding for this project has been authorized using Academic Building Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$11,800,000.

Financial Resources for Operations and Maintenance: The source of funds used to support the operations and maintenance of this academic facility will be the general education fund.

External Forces: None to our knowledge.

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