

MEMORANDUM

January 4, 2023

Southern Utah University – Architectural Programming Request

Board Policy R701, *Capital Facilities*, requires the Board to approve architectural programming services for a future state-funded capital development project that has not been approved by the State Legislature. Southern Utah University (SUU) requests Board authorization to proceed with the programming of the Business Building West expansion project. This is the University's FY 2023 dedicated capital development request.

This project will expand SUU's current Business Building to accommodate significant growth in enrollments and programming. The project proposes to add 21,600 square feet to the existing Dixie L. Leavitt Business Building. The project's total cost is projected to be \$17,344,344, which will use \$12,510,000 of the institution's dedicated fund allotment.

The Southern Utah University's Board of Trustees, in early September 2022, approved unanimously to proceed with the architectural programming with MHTN architects for the Business Building West expansion project.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Committee authorize Southern Utah University to proceed with the programming of the Business Building West expansion project and move to the full Board for final approval.

Attachments



December 15, 2022

Commissioner David Woolstenhulme, Utah System of Higher Education The Gateway 60 South 400 West Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Dear Commissioner Woolstenhulme,

In accordance with policy R701 *Capital Facilities,* Southern Utah University (SUU) is seeking retroactive approval for programming and pre-design services for its Business Building West expansion project. This project proposes to add 21,600 gross square feet to SUU's current Dixie L. Leavitt Business Building. Preparation for this project began in 2021 and was presented by President Mindy Benson in the September 15, 2022, Board of Higher Education Capital Facilities meeting.

While approval to engage MHTN Architects for development of a programming and feasibility study was granted by the SUU Board of Trustees and the Utah Division of Facilities and Construction Management, we recently discovered an oversight that this request was not formally presented to the Board of Higher Education.

Since the programming and feasibility study was completed in early September 2022, we formally request Board approval of the action. I look forward to the opportunity to address any questions you may have regarding this request or the project at the January 2023 Finance and Facilities meeting.

Best regards,

Marvin L. Dodge Vice President

cc: Juliette Tennert, CFO

Malin Francis, Director of Facilities and Planning Tiger Funk, Asst. Vice President for Facilities, SUU

