PROPOSAL: State Capital Outlay – Priority List

Background

The State of Michigan requires all state universities to annually submit a five-year capital outlay plan. This report requires priority ordering of projects and probable funding sources, including projects funded through gifts, issuance of university debt or other means. It is important to plan for Western’s physical campus to promote and support the five strategic goals of the University’s strategic plan The Gold Standard 2020. This Building Project Priority List identifies our highest priority project allowing us to submit said project for funding.

The Renovation of Dunbar Hall for $40 M was approved for planning by the state and will remain our highest priority project, as required by the state, until approved for construction. Our intent is to move the current number two priority, Knauss Hall Renovation and Addition, to number one once Dunbar has been approved for construction.

The administration requests your approval of the attached FY 2021 Building Project Priority List for the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan and the submission of the Renovation of Dunbar Hall project as this year’s Capital Outlay Request.

Recommended Action

It is recommended the Board approve the Capital Outlay Building Project Priority list as provided in the attached, and the Renovation of Dunbar Hall project as our Capital Outlay Request.