

Authorization of New Capital Improvements Projects – East Carolina University

The Board of Trustees of East Carolina University has requested authority to establish four new capital improvements projects.

The first project would renovate laboratory space to meet the current program requirements of the College of Human Ecology's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and Department of Hospitality Management. The project would form one, 2,700 square foot lab from two adjoining labs in the Rivers Building and include the plumbing, mechanical, and electrical work needed to accommodate the installation of new kitchen equipment, plumbing fixtures, and furnishings. Construction is planned to start in May 2008. The project is expected to cost \$725,000 and will be funded from carry-forward funds (operating funds unexpended on June 30 and, pursuant to state law, are "carried forward" into the next fiscal year to support one-time expenditures).

The second project would replace the windows, upgrade the electrical distribution system, and install hotel-type air conditioning units in Belk Residence Hall. Built in 1966, this four-story, 495-bed, 80,950 square feet residence hall is the last residence hall to be air-conditioned and air-conditioning is necessary to maintain occupancy levels. Construction is planned to start in May 2008. The project is expected to cost \$938,000 and will be funded from housing receipts.

The third project would replace the existing fire alarm systems in Jones Residence Hall (four-story, 285-bed residence hall built in 1958) and in Garrett Residence Hall (a three-story, 296-bed residence hall built in 1955). The work includes the demolition of the existing fire alarm systems and the installation of new, addressable fire alarm systems that will provide detectors in individual rooms and special provisions for individuals with hearing or visual

impairments. Construction is planned to start in May 2008. The project is expected to cost \$569,000 and will be funded from housing receipts.

The fourth project would install a new fire sprinkler system and new fire alarm system in Cotton Residence Hall (a three-story, 248-bed residence hall built in 1925) and in Fleming Residence Hall (a two-story, 169-bed residence hall built in 1923). The work will include extending the main fire sprinkler water line to the buildings and reworking the existing plaster and lay-in ceiling systems. The project, estimated to cost \$1,074,650, will be funded from a combination of housing receipts (\$424,650) and 2007 repairs and renovations funds (\$650,000). The project is expected to be complete by the beginning of the 2008 fall semester.

On October 17, 2007, ECU reported an available housing fund balance of \$11,394,917.

It is recommended that these projects be authorized and that the methods of funding proposed by East Carolina University be approved.