

FUTURE ACTION ITEM #8

WSU Pullman, Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture
Schweitzer Engineering Hall Increase Project Budget Approval
(Leslie Brunelli/Olivia Yang)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Voiland College of Engineering & Architecture (VCEA),
Schweitzer Engineering Hall Increase Project Budget Approval

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents increase the WSU Pullman, VCEA
Schweitzer Engineering project budget and further delegate authority to
the President or designee to enter all contracts necessary for this phase of
the project with a total project budget not to exceed \$80,440,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:**

Schweitzer Engineering Hall is the vanguard of VCEA's revitalized precinct on the Pullman Campus. The new facility will consolidate student services and provide formal and informal learning spaces, including capstone studios and maker spaces, while supporting an interdisciplinary community that drives student and faculty success. VCEA's revitalized precinct will act as an innovation hub that reflects the vibrancy and importance of our college's impact on the world while supporting the needs of future students.

The project will be funded with a combination of state capital funds and private donations. No debt financing will be utilized for this project. As such, project construction will be phased and scaled to align with the receipt of donated funds, such that construction expenses do not exceed total donated funding on hand plus state capital appropriations at any point in time.

In November 2022, the Board approved \$4.8 million of donated funds for design for the Schweitzer Engineering Hall. In May 2023 the Board approved an increase to \$44.8M which reflects the state capital appropriation of \$40M. Then in September 2023, the Board approved an increase to \$76.2M to reflect the pledges received to date with the condition that no contract work will be committed without supporting cash transferred to the project budget.

During the design phase of the project, VCEA leadership opted to maximize the square footage of the building by adding 6,000 GSF for a total of 66,000 GSF. In order to fund the larger facility, the project reallocated half the furnishings, fixtures and equipment budget (\$1,250,000) and half the Owner’s contingency (\$1,492,084) along with a commitment from the college to raise an additional \$5 million to complete the project. The project team has successfully managed the buyout process and as risks are mitigated, contingencies are used to complete the interior buildout. The original funding gap is reduced to \$2.9 million to completely build out the 66,000 GSF facility.

With the \$38.74 million of pledges received, the state funds, and \$1.7 million in interest generated to date, the total project budget is \$80,440,000, an increase of \$4,240,000 from the previous request. Active fundraising continues with the goal to increase overall pledge commitments to meet the total project budget.

Estimated Project Budget:

Design and Construction	\$74,830,705
Professional Services	\$ 890,704
Project Management	\$ 2,799,231
Moveable Equipment/Furnishings	\$ 2,175,405
Other	<u>\$ 2,643,955</u>
Total Project Budget	<u>\$83,340,000</u>

Current Source of Funds

State (\$30M for building + \$10M for utilities)	\$40,000,000
Donations (\$38.74M pledged to date)	\$38,740,000
Interest	<u>\$ 1,700,000</u>
Total Current Source of Funds	<u>\$80,440,000</u>

Project Schedule:

BOR Design Budget Approval*	November 2022
Progressive Design Build Team Selection Process	January-April 2023
Design	May 2023 – May 2024
Construction (includes utilities)	March 2024 – May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - NW Corner of Spokane Street and College Avenue
Attachment B - NE Corner on College Avenue

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Attachment B - NE Corner on College Avenue

