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II. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Francis Marion University is a four-year, state-supported university established by the state of South Carolina in 1970.

Accreditation

- Francis Marion University is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In 2008, the University successfully completed the re-accreditation process.
- The FMU School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.
- The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and approved by the SC Board of Education under standards developed by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).
- The University's Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
- In the College of Liberal Arts, a number of departments and programs are accredited by specialized accrediting agencies. Chemistry is approved by the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society. The graduate psychology program is accredited by the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC) and the Council of Applied Masters Programs in Psychology (CAMPP). The Theatre Arts program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). The visual arts and art education programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

National Status

- Francis Marion University is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching at the level of the Masters Colleges and Universities I institutions.
- U.S. News and World Report magazine has ranked FMU for more than a decade as one of the best regional universities in the South.

Facilities

- The University's physical plant is valued at \$269 million. Buildings and their contents are estimated respectively at more than \$238 million and \$31 million.

Construction

- The University is in the midst of a program of construction and improvements of campus facilities. The following are some of the major projects:
 - Forest Villas student housing, Phase I - Constructed 2004
 - Lee Nursing Building - Constructed 2005-06
 - The Grille (student center) - Constructed 2005-06
 - Forest Villas student housing, Phase II - Constructed 2006-07
 - Gail & Terry Richardson Center for the Child – Constructed 2007-08
 - Center for the Performing Arts – Constructed 2010 – 2011
 - Dining Hall Renovation – Renovations completed 2011
 - Office Services Building – Construction begun 2012
 - University Athletic Complex – Completion spring 2012

Employer

- The University is a significant employer in the Pee Dee Region and employs 262 Faculty members, of whom 198 are full-time. 79% of full-time faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees from America's leading universities and over 53% are tenured.
- Staff members whose jobs support the University's academic mission number 323, of whom 290 are full-time and 33 part-time.

Alumni

- The University has a total alumni base just under 19,000 with 79% living in South Carolina and 56% residing in the Pee Dee region.

Foundation

- As of December 31, 2011, the FMU Foundation's assets are over \$25 million. The Foundation continues to secure private donations and to facilitate various outreach initiatives such as the Non Profit Leadership Institute, Rural Leadership Institute, and to sustain a preventative health care initiative. The Foundation continues its efforts to secure funds for need based scholarships and future academic programs.

Student Demographics – Fall 2011

- 4,187 total headcount enrollment; 3,609 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs).
- 32% of students are male; 68% are female.
- Students represent 45 South Carolina counties, 31 other states, and 17 foreign countries.
- 95% are from South Carolina; approximately 55% are from the Pee Dee region.
- 87% of Francis Marion University undergraduates receive financial aid in the form of grants, loans, and student employment programs.
- In 2012-13 an estimated \$55 million in financial assistance will be awarded.
- 37% of our students are the first in their family to go to college.

Academic Programs

- The University takes pride in providing a strong liberal arts foundation in a broad range of undergraduate majors. The University also offers two professional schools in education and business. At the graduate level, FMU offers programs in business, education and psychology. The School of Business, in conjunction with the Medical University of South Carolina, offers the MBA with a concentration in health management.
- The faculty-student ratio is 1 to 16, and the average class size is 21.
- All classes are taught by professors, not graduate students.
- Exchange Programs – Francis Marion University has developed student exchange programs with universities in Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, and Mexico.

Athletics

- At Francis Marion University, the athletic program is an integral part of the University's educational program, not a separate self-supporting auxiliary enterprise.
- The overall grade point average and graduation rate of the University's student-athletes exceeds that of the overall University student body.
- FMU annually ranks among the conference leaders in the number of student-athletes named to the Peach Belt Conference Presidential (academic) Honor Roll, which requires a 3.0 grade point (or B) average. This past year, 83 student-athletes from FMU earned this honor.
- The University has an outstanding NCAA athletic program with six sports each for men and women. Two sports compete at the Division I level and the rest under Division II affiliation.
- In its 43-year history, Francis Marion has captured five national championships in three different sports and garnered 52 conference or district titles.
- In the spring of 2012, FMU opened the new Griffin Athletic Complex (located across the street from the FMU campus), which included a fieldhouse, baseball stadium, softball stadium, soccer stadium, and lake.
- Five of the University's squads advanced to NCAA post-season competition in 2011-12, including the baseball team which advanced to the Southeast Region

championship game. Three teams were nationally ranked during the year, and six of the 10 squads that compile win-loss records posted winning marks.

- Over the past four seasons, eight FMU athletic squads have been awarded Peach Belt Conference Team Sportsmanship Awards.
- During 2011-12, four FMU student-athletes earned All-America honors and six gained Academic All-America honors.
- During the 2011-12 year, 19 FMU student-athletes earned All-Academic Team honors from the Peach Belt Conference (for their respective sports) and 12 garnered All-Conference honors for their play on the field.
- The baseball program currently has nine players in the professional ranks, and former left-handed pitcher Josh Edgin became the first Patriot to reach the major leagues when he was called up by the New York Mets on July 13.
- Both the baseball and women's tennis teams finished 2012 with a national Top-10 ranking.
- In 2012, the Patriot men's tennis team earned its 16th invitation to the NCAA Tournament in the past 18 seasons.
- The most recent FMU volleyball team garnered an AVCA Team Academic Award – for the third consecutive year.
- Francis Marion has an active chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society. Over the past 12 years, 113 different Patriot student-athletes have earned induction.

III. UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES AND PLANS FOR 2012-13

The University's major priorities and plans for 2012-2013 include the following:

- Continue to develop and implement degree programs in the area of health care, such as the Master of Science/Family Nurse Practitioner program, Master of Science/Nurse Educator program, and Physician Assistant program.
- Continue to develop and implement new degree programs that meet the needs of the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina, such as the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering program (to be carried out in cooperation with Florence-Darlington Technical College) and the Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management program.
- Continue to develop and implement outreach programs that serve the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina, such as the Non-Profit Leadership Institute, Advancing Rural Community Health, the Rural Leadership Institute, and the partnership with Hope Health.
- Continue cultivation of health programs and services through the Pee Dee Health Education partnership between FMU, USC, McLeod Health and Carolinas Hospital System.
- Continue the growth and development of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History.
- Continue to develop extension activities that bring educational programs to areas of need in the Pee Dee region, such as the centers in Marion and Lake City.

- Continue technical assistance and support for the I-95 Initiative, which stems from the I-95 Corridor Study sponsored by Francis Marion and South Carolina State Universities.
- Continue collaboration with Teach for America by serving as the host university and providing professional development support for TFA teachers assigned to school districts in Pee Dee counties, Orangeburg County, and other areas of the state.
- In cooperation with other higher education institutions, FMU will continue to work on the development of Accountability Based Funding criteria.

IV. UNIVERSITY OPERATING FUNDS

Funding and Expenditures

- The University's 2012-13 E&G budget is funded 23.8% from state appropriations and 76.2% from student fees and other miscellaneous revenue. Personnel costs, including employer contributions, make up 80% of our budget, and operating expenses, including utilities, fixed costs, and the maintenance of University facilities, account for 20%.

State Appropriations Trends

- In 2008-09, the University's initial base appropriation was \$19,397,460. Through the reductions that followed in FY09, FY10 and FY11 to the beginning of 2011-12, the University's base appropriation dropped to \$10,167,897, a 47.6% decrease.
- **2012-13 State Appropriation:** \$10,837,363 which includes a recurring award of \$500,000 in support of the University's Masters in Nursing program.

Capital Reserve Fund Award – 2012-13

- The University was awarded \$1,141,069 for deferred maintenance. This award will allow the University to refurbish the Hyman Fine Arts Center and the Smith University Center commons, to repair and repave two heavily used student parking lots, and to address various smaller projects.

Steps Taken by the University to Address the Decline in Appropriations

- Francis Marion University has endeavored to address the decline in state appropriated revenue while maintaining the value of our academic instruction.
- During the period between 2008-09 and 2012-13, it has been necessary for the university to enact the following steps to maintain fiscal stability:
 - Reduced University operating budgets
 - Left unfilled positions that became vacant
 - Did not lay off or furlough any employees
 - Reduced various outreach programs and/or sought other resources
 - Increased student fees
 - Increased the number of full-time students enrolled
 - Expanded the enrollment of our Nursing Program

Required Student Fees

- For 2012-13 Francis Marion University will increase required fees by 3.% to \$4,533 per semester for a full-time, South Carolina resident, undergraduate student. FMU's fees are among the lowest three of the teaching institutions.

V. EDUCATION LOTTERY PROGRAMS

State-Funded Scholarships

- 2011-12 – approximately \$6.5 million State-funded scholarships & grants were awarded. The educational opportunities made available to students in the Pee Dee and South Carolina by scholarships funded from the State have been significant in FMU's enrollment over the last few years. State-funded scholarship awards for 2011-12 were as follows:
 - 912 students received the LIFE and LIFE Enhancement Scholarships, totaling \$4,808,538
 - 213 students received the HOPE Scholarship, totaling \$553,355
 - 709 students received Need Based Grants, totaling \$690,003
 - 55 students received Palmetto Fellow and Palmetto Fellow Enhancement Scholarships, totaling \$466,250
- 2012-13 – Projected Need \$7.5 Million
State-funded scholarships and grants needed for Francis Marion University students for 2012-13 are estimated to exceed \$7.5 million.

Technology Grants

- For 2009-10, the university received a total of \$322,248 in Technology Grant Funds distributed in FY10 and FY11.
- For 2010-11, the University received \$290,561 in Lottery Technology Funds.
- For 2011-12, the University received \$184,884.
- These funds are used by Francis Marion University's instructional departments, library, and academic support programs. The South Carolina Education Lottery's funding of technology needs has made a significant impact on the University's ability to maintain reasonable standards of technological capability.

VI. CAPITAL BOND BILL PRIORITIES

Priority 1 - School of Education-School of Business Building

- Francis Marion University's first Capital Bond Bill priority is the construction of a new 61,000 square foot School of Education-School of Business Building. This building would provide classrooms, computer labs, and offices to two of the University's largest undergraduate and graduate degree programs and would contain the latest technological media for instructional delivery. The new School of Education-School of Business Building would be designed for and dedicated to the promotion of these two major programs as they serve as a resource to this part of the state and as they prepare educators and business leaders for South Carolina.

- **Request - \$23,250,000.** In FY2000, \$750,000 was provided for architectural and engineering design work.

Priority 2 –Founders Hall Renovation

- Founders Hall, built in 1970, is the University’s oldest classroom building. It covers two floors and houses 26 classrooms and labs and 99 offices in a 76,366 square foot structure. Facility renewal is requested in the form of replacement or improvements of the HVAC, carpeting, ceilings, interior finishes, obsolete security systems, and lighting systems.
- **Request - \$8,000,000**

For detailed justification for each of these requests, please see pages 12 – 15.

VII. DESIGNATED REQUESTS

1. Improving Health Care in Rural South Carolina

Funds Requested:

The University requests \$5,000,000 non-recurring for a Health Sciences Building as a 2:1 match where the University will raise \$10,000,000 from private sources. The total cost of this building is estimated at \$15,000,000.

- **Health Sciences Building:** Funding will support the *construction and equipping of a health sciences facility* that will provide instructional, laboratory, office, clinical training, and other necessary space for the Nurse Practitioner degree program, the Physician Assistant degree program, and for the education and training of third and fourth year medical students enrolled at the University of South Carolina and engaged in clinical study and training at McLeod Health and Carolinas Hospital System, both participants along with FMU and USC in the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership.

The building and its various instructional classrooms, laboratories, clinical training rooms, offices, and other spaces will occupy 60,000 to 70,000 square feet. It is anticipated that in the future the facility will also be used to support other degree programs in the allied health fields (e.g., speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy).

- **The Area Served:** The Pee Dee region suffers from poverty and high unemployment rates, exceeding 15% in some counties. These circumstances contribute to serious health problems in this area of the state. Many families lack health insurance, while others avoid checkups because they cannot afford co-payments and deductibles. Diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and stroke occur at rates higher than national averages. Furthermore, much of northeastern South Carolina is rural, a circumstance that tends to limit access to health care services. The Pee Dee region includes large numbers of poor families and minorities who constitute an underserved and medically-needy population. The Family Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant degree programs will help address the health-care needs of this population, as will the

training of University of South Carolina medical students at the two large medical centers located in Florence County, in the heart of the Pee Dee region.

- **Francis Marion University and the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership:** In 2008, Francis Marion University took the lead in organizing the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership, a consortium composed of FMU, the University of South Carolina, McLeod Health, and Carolinas Hospital System. Approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in October 2008, the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership provides a framework for new health care degree programs to be offered by FMU and its partners. Thus the MSN/Family Nurse Practitioner program will be a Francis Marion University degree program, while the Physician Assistant program will likely be a cooperative FMU-USC degree program. Support for clinical education for the Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant degree programs will come from the two regional medical centers, which will also provide clinical placements for third and fourth year USC medical students.
- **Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner Program.** Francis Marion University is making a concerted and effective effort to address the shortage of health care providers in the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina. As part of that effort, Francis Marion University will begin its Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner program in January 2013. This program will address several demonstrated needs in the region and the state. First, the MSN-FNP initiative will help nurses meet the need for additional education and clinical training in order to deal with increasingly complex health issues. Second, the MSN-FNP program will include a Nurse-Educator track that will address the shortage of nursing faculty by producing nurses with Master's degrees who will be qualified to teach in technical colleges and four-year institutions. In this connection, it is worth noting that vacant teaching positions already limit the capacity of nursing programs to produce associate degree and baccalaureate-prepared RNs, and it is further anticipated that many nursing faculty will retire during the next five years. Third, the MSN-FNP initiative will through graduate education prepare nurse practitioners to provide a range of health care services to the citizens of the state. Increasing the number of nurse practitioners will be of special benefit to the rural sections of South Carolina, such as the Pee Dee region, where on average there are only one-fourth the number of nurse practitioners as in urban areas of the state. The shortage of nurse practitioners in rural areas reflects the fact that South Carolina is underserved in the area of Nurse Practitioner education. According to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, North Carolina has eight accredited NP programs, Georgia has ten, and South Carolina has only three.
- **Physician Assistant Program:** A special ad hoc committee recently completed a needs assessment and feasibility study for a new Master's level Physician Assistant program, which Francis Marion University would offer in cooperation with the University of South Carolina-Columbia. The study concluded that a Physician Assistant program is both feasible and critically needed. Forecasts of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that South Carolina needs and can support an

additional Physician Assistant program, as at present there is only one such program in the state. With the assistance of FMU's partners in the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership, the proposed Physician Assistant program can help meet the health care needs of the region and the state.

2. *Enhancing Economic Development in the Pee Dee Region*

Funds requested:

The University is requesting a recurring award of \$400,000 to support the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree.

- **Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree program.** A well-educated workforce is necessary to retain industry and to attract industry to the Pee Dee region where unemployment is higher than the state average. Government officials and industry leaders have repeatedly urged FMU to offer an engineering program. There is no engineering program in the Pee Dee region and the only Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering program is offered by Clemson University, approximately 200 miles away.

A recent survey of employers produced the following anecdote that captures the need for industrial engineers in the Pee Dee region. The Human Resources manager of an automotive parts manufacturer with a production facility located in Mullins, South Carolina, stated that he was excited to learn that FMU was considering an industrial engineering program. However, for his company, the initiative came too late. The company is closing its operations in South Carolina with one of the primary reasons being the lack of industrial engineers. The closure of the facility in Mullins will eliminate jobs in Marion County, which in May 2012 had an unemployment rate of 17.1% (the highest in the state of South Carolina).

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, industrial engineering "is versatile both in the nature of the work it does and in the industries in which its expertise can be put to use. In addition, because industrial engineers' work can help with cost control by increasing efficiency, these engineers are attractive to employers in most industries, including nonprofits. Because they are not as specialized as other engineers, industrial engineers are employed in a wide range of industries, including major manufacturing industries, hospitals, consulting and engineering services, and research and development firms."

FMU's industrial engineering program will help meet the demand in the region and the state for workers with this degree.

- Also among Francis Marion University's academic initiatives is the **Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management** degree program. According to a recent economic study, "South Carolina's agriculture and forestry industry represent one of the largest, if not the largest industry clusters in the state's economy. In fact, according to the South Carolina Department of Commerce: 'agriculture and forestry together have the largest impact on our state's economy.'" FMU is developing an agribusiness degree program that will focus on management, finance, marketing, and

communications, and will draw on the resources of our School of Business and our strength in the biological sciences. Agribusiness internships will be an integral part of the program, which will prepare graduates for positions in feed, seed, fertilizer, and chemical companies; food companies; commodity transportation, storage, and trading; agricultural processing and marketing operations; and similar careers and occupations.

Summary. The foregoing initiatives will benefit the Pee Dee Region and the state of South Carolina in significant ways. With 95% of its students coming from South Carolina and a minority enrollment of more than 40%, Francis Marion University is dedicated to serving the people of South Carolina. FMU's academic initiatives will enhance work force development and the economic growth of the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina.

VIII. PROVISOS

Francis Marion University requests no proviso changes, additions, or deletions.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS

Francis Marion University is committed to promoting the educational, economic, and cultural development of the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina. The University renews its pledge to provide a high quality education at a reasonable cost to all citizens of South Carolina.

The State General Assembly, through their support of Francis Marion University and all of higher education, continue to build the future of this state. I want to thank you all for your continued support and your dedication to the best interests of South Carolina.

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY CAPITAL BOND BILL PRIORITIES – FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Agency Number: H18

Name: Francis Marion University

Priority Number: 1 of 2

Description of Priority: School of Education/School of Business Building

This project is to construct an approximately 61,000 square foot building on the campus of Francis Marion University for the School of Education and the School of Business. The building will provide 13 classrooms, one distance learning classroom, 4 computer laboratories, one open computer laboratory, 4 project rooms, a teaching materials center, 50 faculty offices, 2 dean's offices and various support staff facilities. This request includes one-time funding of \$23,250,000 for construction and start-up equipment and furnishings.

Detailed Justification for Funding:

The Schools of Education and Business currently reside in adjoining buildings constructed in the 1970's. Other disciplines currently sharing these facilities are the Department of English, Modern Languages & Philosophy, the Department of Political Science, History & Geography, and the Department of Psychology & Sociology. These facilities are in desperate need of renovation in order to extend their service life. Funding for this renovation is being requested as a separate capital budget priority for the University. This new building will afford the opportunity for both the School of Education and the School of Business to reside in a building designed for and dedicated to the promotion of their respective undergraduate and graduate programs. This building can serve as a focal point for these two disciplines in similar fashion to the buildings dedicated to the Fine Arts and the Sciences already on campus.

With the goal of enhancing the delivery of undergraduate and graduate instruction for the School of Education and the School of Business, the flexibility of the design will allow the latest technological developments to be included in the completed building to positively affect instructional delivery. Additionally, the School of Business offers an undergraduate Computer Science program that should also benefit from technological enhancements within the new building.

Consistent with the mission of Francis Marion University on several levels, this facility will enhance the core mission of providing excellent undergraduate and graduate education. The FMU School of Business has the distinction of American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation.

- Since 1970, the School of Business has conferred over 4,274 bachelor’s degrees and, since 1988, it has conferred more than 277 master’s degrees.

The Master of Business Administration program has experienced growth in recent years and provides the citizenry of the Pee Dee area an opportunity to continue their education to a graduate level while still remaining active in the local workforce. This underscores the University’s desire to serve as a catalyst for regional development in the Pee Dee region. Now, more than ever, there is a regional need for the opportunities afforded by higher education.

The School of Education has received National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation.

- Since 1970, the School of Education has conferred more than 2,496 baccalaureate degrees and 2,560 master’s degrees.

As statewide statistics suggest, there is a great need to strengthen our education system. Teacher education and training is the most important tool to be used in this ongoing effort.

Though the impact of future lottery scholarships remains unknown, the expansion of technical education opportunities may coincidentally provide additional students seeking to advance their associate degrees to baccalaureate or master’s degrees. Furthermore, the School of Business is comprised of undergraduate majors in Accounting, Business Economics, Economics, Finance, General Business Administration, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, and Computer Science. These fields would be conducive to students seeking to advance their educational level in a University setting. If additional business education is desired beyond this point, students can seek an MBA or an MBA with a concentration in Health Management.

During FY99-00, the University was appropriated \$750,000 to undertake architectural and engineering design work for the School of Business and School of Education Building. Since that time, a Building Program Committee, made up of faculty of both Schools, has worked with architects, Key Collins Architecture of Florence, SC, to develop the design documents. We have completed the design phase and are ready to begin the construction bidding process.

Total Project Cost Estimates:	Additional State Funds	Previously Authorized State Funds	Total Other Fund Sources	Project Total
\$24,000,000	\$23,250,000	\$750,000		\$24,000,000

Justification for First Full Year and Additional Years Annual Operating Costs:

For annual operations, utility costs are estimated at \$270,000 annually. Estimated total first year operating costs are \$310,500 and will be required as recurring state appropriations. No new FTE’s are required for the operation of this facility.

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY CAPITAL BOND BILL PRIORITIES – FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Agency Number: H18

Name: Francis Marion University

Priority Number: 2 of 2

Description of Priority: Founders Hall Renovation

This project is to renovate the 76,366 square foot Founders Hall, the University's oldest classroom building, which covers two floors and houses 26 classrooms and labs and 99 offices. Renovation will address items of facility renewal such as replacement of the HVAC and lighting systems for improved energy efficiency, replacement of carpeting, ceilings, interior finishes, obsolete door locks and cores, and replacement of classroom seating. This request includes one-time funding of \$8,000,000 for renovation of the facility.

Detailed Justification for Funding:

Founders Hall was constructed in 1974 and as the first of the University's classroom and faculty office buildings has been extensively used. As other buildings were added and the sciences, Math, and Fine Arts departments were moved out of Founders Hall, the University's enrollment growth continued the high usage of this facility. Currently, this building serves the School of Business, the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy, the Department of Political Science, History, and Geography, the Honors Program, and the Writing Center.

This renovation seeks to update and replace interiors throughout Founders Hall that are both worn and dated. These interiors show the cumulative effects of age and heavy use and are in critical need of renovation. Ceiling tiles will be cleaned or replaced. Doors, interior walls and trim will be repainted. Carpeting will be replaced as will folding walls between classrooms. Obsolete door locks and cores will be addressed. Improved student seating will be furnished. The exterior be repainted. In addition, the HVAC and lighting systems will be replaced.

Upon completion, this renovation will result in recurring cost savings to the University due to replacement of energy-inefficient HVAC and lighting systems and subsequent decreases in preventative maintenance and deferred maintenance costs.

- The HVAC system will be replaced with a modern energy-efficient system estimated to save \$22,000 annually in energy consumption.
- The new lighting system is projected to save \$19,776 annually due to improved efficiency.
- These projected savings combine to over \$41,766 annually.

As this building has provided and will continue to provide instructional classrooms and faculty offices, its appearance and functionality are of great importance to the mission of the University to provide an excellent educational environment.

Structurally, the moveable walls along with the use of pre-cast concrete for construction have not been conducive to the addition of instructional technology media to the classrooms. As a result, the most fundamental use of information technology to enhance educational media has been delayed or in some cases has been completely lacking from these classrooms. This has had a negative impact on the sophistication of instruction for our students and on their need for exposure through their classrooms and labs to the modern technology found in the average workplace today.

The center of the University’s mission is the instruction of our students and fundamental to the success of our mission are attractive and functional classroom facilities that provide an environment where our students can learn and can achieve the education they and our state require. The renovation of Founders Hall will assist the University enormously in achieving that goal.

Total Project Cost Estimates:	Additional State Funds	Previously Authorized State Funds	Total Other Fund Sources	Project Total
\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000			\$8,000,000

Justification for First Year and Additional Years Annual Operating Costs:

As noted, recurring cost savings due to improvements in HVAC and lighting are estimated at approximately \$41,766 annually. Reductions in maintenance and deferred maintenance are also of consequence. Additional recurring funding for operating costs is not requested. Nor is there a request for additional FTE’s or personal services funding.