

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy                      **NO.:** FAAP 06-01  
**COMMITTEE DATE:** November 10, 2005  
**BOARD DATE:** November 17, 2005

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**APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY  
FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES**

**MOVED:**                      MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY REPAIR  
AND RENOVATION OF HOLMES DINING HALL, FITCHBURG STATE  
COLLEGE

1. The Chancellor of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Chancellor") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project(s) described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.
2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the project(s) for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.
3. The Chancellor and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the project(s) for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and to take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.
4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made to support study, design, and pre-construction activity) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Colleges) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$2,220,000.

Authority:                      Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6  
Contact:                        Kurt T. Steinberg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Policy

## EXHIBIT A

1. The carrying out of improvements, renovations, repairs, and other works on and the provision and installation of furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and other equipment for some or all of the following facilities owned by the Massachusetts State College Building Authority or used by the State Colleges:

### **State College**

*Fitchburg State College*

### **Facilities**

*Holmes Dining Hall*

- a. Project includes the renovation of the Holmes Dining Hall.
  - b. The total project cost is \$2.2 million, including cost of issuance, debt service reserve, and project contingency.
  - c. The revenue will be provided from a fee increase of \$27 per student board plan.
2. The carrying out of improvements, renovations, and other work on and the provision and installation of furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and other equipment for other buildings, structures, or facilities now or hereafter owned or leased by the Authority, or used by the State Colleges, and which the Authority is authorized to provide.
  3. The carrying out of preliminary work, including the obtaining of cost estimates, revenue estimates, preliminary design specifications, feasibility studies, surveys, and site analyses to determine the feasibility, approximate size, scope, purposes, location, and other characteristics of any building, structure or facility the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following student life project is based on priorities highlighted in the BHE Strategic Capital Planning Initiative as a project that is appropriate for the MSCBA to implement through its construction program at the State Colleges. This project is consistent with the MSCBA Strategic Plan and has been reviewed and approved by the MSCBA Board of Directors.

### **State College**

*Fitchburg State College*

### **Facility**

*Holmes Dining Hall*

- a. This project is the second phase of the renovation of Holmes Dining Hall, a previously approved project currently underway, and consists of replacement and upgrading of HVAC systems and components; the space is not ventilated or air-conditioned to meet current standards, and the existing mechanical equipment is beyond its service life.
- b. The total project cost is \$2.2 million, including cost of issuance, debt service reserve, and project contingency.
- c. The revenue will be provided from a board plan fee increase of \$27 per plan.