



MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2015

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor

SUBJECT: 2016/17 Capital Budget Request

Action Requested

The proposed resolution approves the State University's 2016/17 capital budget request.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the State University provides the people of New York State with educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access, fulfilling its statutory mission; and

Whereas a critical component of the State University's ability to meet its mission is to have the appropriate type and number of facilities maintained in excellent condition; and

Whereas the appropriation authority for the State University's capital programs are provided directly to the State University Construction Fund and, therefore, coincide with the State fiscal year, commencing April 1, 2016; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the State University requests that all reappropriations necessary for the State University's capital programs be included in the 2016/17 Executive Budget; and, be it further

Resolved that the request for the State University's four capital programs for educational facilities, community college projects for which sponsor support is obtained, hospitals, and residence halls be fully funded; and, be it further

Resolved that the State University pursue additional State support for capital investments to support student success by providing state-of-the-art equipment and technology in classrooms and laboratories, as well as minor renovations that will enable campuses to provided centralized support services and learning environments for all students, including underrepresented and at-risk students; and, be it further

Resolved that the State University pursue additional State support for capital investments to upgrade and replace scientific equipment and instruments to facilitate cutting-edge faculty research, allow the State University to remain competitive in obtaining externally funded grants, and attract and retain research faculty and students; and, be it further

Resolved that the proposed capital budget request for State-operated and statutory colleges and the community colleges (copy on file in the Office of the Secretary), as described in this resolution and the attached background materials, be, and hereby is, approved for the 2016/17 State fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2016, and the Chancellor, or her designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit such budget request to the Director of the Budget; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor should work with the Governor to renew the NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program to secure additional capital appropriations in support of future NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant capital projects.

Background

See background document titled "2016/17 State University of New York Operating and Capital Budget Request."