

ACADEMIC LABORATORY PROJECT – EXPANDED SCOPE

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs and Finance and Administration
2. **Introduction:** Eighteen academic laboratories have been identified as needing significant renovations or improvements. Many of these labs have not been upgraded from the original furnishings of 1964-68. In addition to upgraded casework, technology and furniture, mechanical, electrical and architectural improvements are needed in order to enhance the use of these labs for instruction. The 18 upgraded laboratories are in the following academic departments: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Nursing, Art and Art History, and Physical Therapy. These units have experienced large increases in student enrollment and are critical to the biomedical and health care programs for which Oakland University is noted.

The original project scope was limited to the repair/replacement of casework, minor electrical and mechanical repairs, and cosmetic upgrades to the floor and ceiling where required. Upon further review and investigation, the scope was expanded to result in state-of-the-art laboratories. The expanded scope includes additional casework replacement, new flooring and ceiling in all instructional labs, upgraded mechanical systems, improved ADA compliant workstations, eye wash and safety system improvements and the painting of all walls in the instructional labs. The expanded scope results in a cost increase of \$734,994, proposed to be funded from the deferred plant renewal budget.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On April 15, 2008 the Board of Trustees (Board) approved the use of \$2,000,000 from the delayed August 2007 State appropriation payment to renovate academic laboratories.
4. **Budget Implications:** The proposed funding source for the increased cost of the expanded scope in renovating the academic laboratories (\$734,994) is the deferred plant renewal budget through reprioritizing the deferred plant renewal project list.
5. **Educational Implications:** The expanded scope for renovation of the academic laboratories will result in state-of-the-art academic laboratories, further enhancing an excellent education for Oakland University students.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The expanded scope was developed by external consultants Neumann-Smith and iDesign with significant input from academic department Chairs and Facilities Management, with review by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and Vice President for Finance and Administration prior to submission to the President.

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8. **Board Action to be Requested:** At its November 5, 2008 meeting the Board will be asked to approve the expanded scope of the academic laboratory project and increased funding of \$734,994 from the deferred plant renewal budget.

9. **Attachments:** None.

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Reviewed by President Gary D. Russi:

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