THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

May 17, 2007

Subject:

University of Michigan - Flint

Student Housing Facility

Action

Requested:

Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

Background:

At the April 2007 meeting, the Regents approved the schematic design for the University of Michigan - Flint Student Housing Facility project. UM-Flint adopted a strategic plan to grow enrollment from 6,500 students to 8,000 students by 2010. A key element of this plan is to create the option for a residential experience for its students. On-campus student housing will allow the University to attract students from beyond its commuter range. In addition, it will help change the character of the campus from commuter to commuter-residential, and transform the campus by enriching student lives in various academic and non-academic ways. A residence hall of approximately 100,000 gross square feet is proposed with approximately 310 beds and living-learning spaces on the first floor. There will be one-, two- and four-bedroom units, including handicapped-accessible units. All units will contain one or two bathrooms, a kitchen, and living room.

The estimated cost of the project is \$21,300,000. Funding for the project will be provided from University of Michigan – Flint resources, gifts and grants. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2008.

We recommend that the Regents authorize issuing the University of Michigan – Flint Student Housing Facility project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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