

HISTORY OF BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL OF NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

This memorandum provides information regarding the history of the Budget Section approval of capital projects pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-12.1 since the 2005-07 biennium. This memorandum does not include changes in project scope or spending authority approved by the Budget Section on projects already approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Section 15-10-12.1 states the State Board of Higher Education may authorize campus improvements and building maintenance on land under the control of the board, which are financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the improvement or building maintenance is not more than \$385,000. The consent of the Legislative Assembly is required for construction of any building financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests and for campus improvements or building maintenance financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the improvements or maintenance is more than \$385,000. During the time the Legislative Assembly is not in session, except for the 6 months preceding the convening of a regular session and the 3 months following the close of a regular session, and unless otherwise restricted by previous legislative action or other law, the board, with the approval of the Budget Section of the Legislative Management, may authorize the use of land under the control of the board and construct buildings financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests and campus improvements and building maintenance financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests if the cost of the improvement or maintenance is more than \$385,000. The Budget Section approval must include a specific dollar limit for each building, campus improvement project, or maintenance project. If the board submits a request for campus improvements, building maintenance, or to construct buildings under this section to the Budget Section for approval, the Legislative Council shall notify each member of the Legislative Assembly of the date of the Budget Section meeting at which the request will be considered and provide a copy of the meeting agenda to each member of the Legislative Assembly. The Chairman of the Budget Section shall allow any member of the Legislative Assembly an opportunity to present testimony to the Budget Section regarding any such request.

During the 2005-06 interim, the Budget Section approved a request from North Dakota State University (NDSU) to accept and spend \$8 million in donated funds for an addition and renovation project to the Bison Sports Arena. (March 8, 2006)

During the 2007-08 interim, the Budget Section approved the following requests relating to North Dakota University System capital projects:

- The University of North Dakota (UND) request to accept and spend \$1.3 million in donated funds for an addition to Harrington Hall. (October 30, 2007)
- UND request to accept and spend \$900,000 for a new president's residence. (October 30, 2007)
- UND request to accept from the UND Alumni Foundation a human simulator laboratory facility with an estimated value of \$1.5 million. (June 18, 2008)
- NDSU request to accept and spend \$900,000 for a new president's residence. (October 30, 2007)

During the 2009-10 interim, the Budget Section approved the following requests relating to University System capital projects:

- UND request to accept \$445,308 in infrastructure improvements, including site preparation, planning, utilities, and steamline, related to the construction of a UND Alumni Center. (December 15, 2009)
- UND request to accept and spend \$4 million to construct a "fuels for the future" addition to the National Center for Hydrogen Technology facility. (December 15, 2009)
- UND request to accept and spend \$500,000 for the renovation of existing classroom space within the UND School of Law. (March 11, 2010)
- UND request to accept and spend \$1.9 million for renovations to the Energy and Environmental Research Center, Building 184. (June 22, 2010)
- NDSU request to accept and spend \$750,000 for a first floor renovation of the Geosciences Hall. (March 11, 2010)
- NDSU request for a \$29.36 million addition to the Research I facility. (June 22, 2010)

During the 2011-12 interim, the Budget Section approved the following requests relating to University System capital projects:

- UND request for a \$2 million Alumni Center construction project. (June 21, 2011)
- NDSU request for a \$450,000 Gate City Bank Auditorium project. (June 19, 2012)

During the 2013-14 interim, the Budget Section approved the following requests relating to University System capital projects:

- UND request to spend \$24.95 million for an aerospace building project. (December 11, 2013)
- UND request to spend \$15.5 million for a collaborative energy center project. (December 11, 2013)

As of March 8, 2016, the Budget Section has not approved any requests relating to University System capital projects during the 2015-16 interim.