



RESPONSES OF USM PRESIDENTS TO THE

DRAFT FY2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)
DRAFT FY2016 SYSTEM FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (SFCP)

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RE: RESPONSE TO USM CIP/SFCP MATERIALS

Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

Bowie State University submitted its request for the FY 2017-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the FY 2016-2020 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP) in accordance with our priorities, including our efforts to close the achievement gap and graduate more STEM majors.

The university requested funding in the CIP FY 2017-2026 to complete the construction and equip the new Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing (CNSMN) Building, funding for a new Humanities Building, funds to replace the Facilities Management Building, and funds to renovate the Thurgood Marshall Library, the Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex, the Goodloe Apartments for Public Safety, and the Theodore McKeldin Complex. Our out year requests include funding for renovation of the Center for Learning and Technology Building, replacement of the William E. Henry Administration Building and funding for a new convocation center. Our SFCP FY 2016-2020 requests include funding for two new Residence Halls.

We understand that the state and USM must prioritize the allocation of limited capital resources and I appreciate the consideration given to us for the CNSMN. I also note the Regents' recommendation for funding of the Humanities Building beginning in FY 2018 as requested by the university. I still have serious concerns regarding the remainder of the "strawman" proposal. The remaining project funding requests have been deferred by one or more years. The Humanities Building project, although recommended for funding in FY 2018, does not appear in the Governor's 5-Year CIP. The university continues to request support to move this project into the Governor's 5-Year CIP in order to allow the project to begin in FY 2018. We also note that the remaining projects requested by the university or recommended by the Regents do not appear in the Governor's 5-Year CIP.

With regard to the Humanities Program currently housed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts Center (MLK), the feasibility study for the MLK facility confirms that the building must be replaced. We are requesting planning funds to execute this project beginning in FY 2018. As previously noted, this project does not appear in the Governor's 5-Year CIP. Any delay in funding will require the university to devote more of our resources to maintain and operate an inadequate facility thereby limiting our ability to offer high quality programs for our students. We respectfully request support for funding to begin in FY 2018.

The replacement of the Facilities Management Building will allow the university to continue its growth pursuant to our Facilities Master Plan by providing space for the planned residence halls. We requested planning funds beginning in FY 2019 for this project; however, the USM recommendation is to begin funding the project in FY 2023.

The renovation of the Thurgood Marshall Library will revitalize an otherwise dated and inadequate facility and will provide a state-of-the-art media center and research facility for our students. The university's request is for planning funds beginning in FY 2019. The proposed USM recommendation is for planning funds beginning in FY 2021. We also requested funding for several projects that do not appear in USM's draft budget.

The University appreciates the consideration and support given for all of our requested projects but we wish to continue discussion on the timing and execution of the projects. The continued deferrals will affect the University's ability to attract and retain quality students and will have a negative impact on our efforts to close the achievement gap.

The FY 2016-2020 SFCP request reflects the need to promptly address our commitment to provide adequate and modern housing for our students. We note that our proposed residence halls are included on the deferred list pending a further review as are most USM housing requests. The university will continue to assess its need for on-campus housing in order to attract more out-of-state students and diversify our enrollment.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our proposed capital program. We look forward to working with USM and the Board of Regents to address our critical capital needs.

Sincerely,



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RE: *Coppin State University Response to the "Strawman Draft for CIP";*
USM Preliminary Working Draft, May 4, 2015;
*Ten-Year State-Funded Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and the
*Five-Year System-Funded Construction Program (SFCP)

Dear Brit:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the above referenced documents. We agree with the "Strawman Draft," CIP and SFCP Capital Budget Proposal. The University is requesting that the planning funds for the projects listed below be provided as requested:

All projects are a part of the Facilities Master Plan approved by the USM Board of Regents.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

1. **Renovation of Percy Julian for the College of Business**

CSU was preauthorized for \$1.2M in planning funds for FY2016 by the Senate and House. Unfortunately, the Governor's FY2016 budget rescinded the \$1.2M preauthorization, therefore, these funds were not allocated in the FY 16 budget process. Coppin is therefore requesting the total planning funds of \$3.4M in FY2017 as currently preauthorized for FY2017.

2. **Renovation of the Grace Jacobs Office/Classroom Building (OCL)**

The Grace Jacobs OCL building is a ten-story structure encompassing 140,855 gross square feet. The building contains classrooms, laboratories, and offices for most of the faculty on campus. Through the renovation of OCL, Coppin will be better positioned to execute the mandates of its mission, meet the emerging education and career opportunities in various disciplines, and address many of the critical facility deficiencies in its academic environment. Renovating OCL and reconfiguring the academic and administrative units will bring programs, functions, faculty, and staff together in a single facility and will cultivate a productive environment for all. Further, the provision of an appropriately designed and equipped learning environment will facilitate effective teaching and learning. Coppin students will have competitive access to a learning environment that is crucial for their academic and professional careers.

The removal of departments from the Grace Jacobs building will permit the reconfiguration of faculty offices to provide better workspace including departmental conference, lounge and storage areas, along with proper reception and secretarial space. Construction of classrooms in the new building will alleviate scheduling problems in the Grace Jacobs building that are most severe in the morning and evening hours. Classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, etc. will be upgraded to facilitate the use of current technologies as well as multi-media and access to the Internet and local area networks.

We are requesting planning funds for the renovation of Grace Jacobs to be included in FY 2019/2020 with construction beginning in 2021.

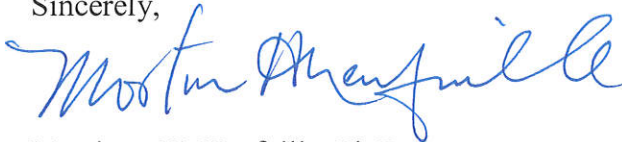
1. **Renovation of the Parlett L. Moore Library:**

The Parlett L. Moore Library is a five story structure encompassing 85,521 gross square feet. The original building was constructed in 1961. Through renovation, the building will address many critical facility deficiencies, attain energy efficiencies, modernization, and create a specialized studying-learning environment. Students/faculty benefit from a library with advanced technologies that can support studying, problem solving, working in groups, learning, and research in a conducive atmosphere. The programmed study and lounge space support qualitative academic learning and research interchange among all the participants. A renovation will also provide some basic upgrades like restrooms on every floor, a service elevator, new energy efficient windows and doors, modernized group study and lounge spaces. A renovation would also include new entrance areas, seating, computer stations, worktables, book/catalog stacks, library instruction, study stations, etc.

We are requesting Planning Funds for renovation of the Parlett L. Moore Library to be included in FY 2022/2023.

Finally, let me reiterate our gratitude for your continued support and that of the Board of Regents. I look forward to addressing the Board at the workshop.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft FY 2017, 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). I hope that our suggested projects can be accelerated so that we can make up for the many years where Frostburg State University has fallen behind and where we truly struggle to be competitive in a very competitive market. With the current state of our academic and residential facilities, we will have a very difficult time doing our part to not only meet USM's strategic objectives—especially increasing enrollment and producing more baccalaureate degree-holders—but to serve our students, our region and our state appropriately.

Most of our academic buildings and residence halls are barely adequate to support our current student body, much less growing enrollment. For context, since 1977, FSU's enrollment has increased by 51.4 percent, yet all but two of our academic buildings were built before that date. Our 5,645 (fall 2014) students are barely accommodated by a predominance of academic and residential buildings designed for a student population of 3,500. Our modern educational infrastructure is limited to the Performing Arts Center (1993), Compton Science Center (2003) and the Center for Communications and Information Technology (CCIT) completed in 2014.

The USM Board of Regents, at their meeting in June mentioned that Frostburg State University would receive strong consideration based upon enrollment growth. I am pleased to report that we are increasing our enrollment due to the partnership we have with Noel Levitz and the dedication of our staff.

Education and Health Sciences

Our proposed Education and Health Sciences Center is now in the Governor's Capital Budget to begin design in 2019. However, construction is not scheduled to be funded until FY2021. This project has been in the planning stages with DBM for five years and we have already submitted a phase II planning document to them. This delay hinders our teacher education programs, both in terms of providing our current students with the appropriate technological background required by modern classrooms in Maryland's K-12 schools and in our ability to focus on the expansion and growth of our signature education programs and emerging health professions program.

Existing space for education programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, currently housed in part of an adapted library building built in 1965, is not able to accommodate adaptations to current technology, nor can the building be expanded. We admitted the first cohort for our newest program, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, in fall 2012. The College of Education must share this space with the College of Business.

In the health sciences, our Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program, which earned accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 2012, is growing rapidly – enrollment tripled between fall 2011 and fall 2012 – and faculty for this program must be properly accommodated. A Master of Science in Nursing degree, with a focus on preparing nursing faculty, an area of nationwide workforce shortage, was approved in spring 2014 and was implemented in fall 2014. It will be housed in this facility.

In addition, in early 2013, a group of local health care providers and statewide health officials met with Frostburg State University to consider development of a Physician Assistant Program. The work group that was developing this proposal discovered that significant opportunity exists for Frostburg State University to create a niche in health care programs and for developing health care leaders. FSU developed a Bachelor of Science in Health Science to be offered in fall 2015. This program was approved by the BOR in February 2015. Our plan is that over the next five years we will develop a Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics to be offered in fall 2016, a Doctorate in Nurse Practice to be offered in fall 2017, and the Physician Assistant Program to be offered in fall 2018. We are also considering a Master of Public Health and Master of Health Care Administration.

We currently have 400 students enrolled in our Bachelor of Nursing degree program and anticipate enrollment the Master of Science in Nursing program will reach 125 within five years. We anticipate a total enrollment in our College of Health Sciences to exceed 700 students by FY2019. We simply cannot expand our health care programs without adequate facilities. The timing of this project is important to minimize disruption of a campus with already limited classroom space. I am strongly requesting that the funding for the Education and Health Sciences Center be moved to a new schedule with planning to commence in July 2016 and construction occurring in FY2018 and 2019.

College of Business

Our College of Business classrooms and faculty offices are split between two aging buildings on opposite sides of campus, both of which are shared with other colleges. In addition to hampering the sense of academic community necessary for active collaboration and collegial exchange, this circumstance hinders the development of a business college that is otherwise vibrant, keenly focused on institutional goals and growing. This project will provide FSU with instructional and business community outreach facilities that can support the current and projected undergraduate and graduate programs, including accounting, business administration, finance, human resource management, marketing, small business/entrepreneurship, business economics, public policy economics, quantitative economics and management (MBA), with a technology-based learning environment. FSU's MBA program is showing dramatic growth, and an Applied Doctorate in Business Administration is in the early stages of development.

Existing Facilities

Other existing facilities are badly in need of renewal, and we have a \$33 million backlog of projects. Most of our academic and administrative buildings were constructed in the 20-year period between 1960 and 1980. The mechanical systems and infrastructure, both within the buildings and underground as support, have reached the end of their useful lives. This deterioration poses a safety threat to the students, faculty and staff who learn and work in these buildings.

This project will include replacements and improvements to fire alarm systems, electrical gear and underground electric distribution, HVAC equipment, boilers, chillers, elevators, roofs, and underground telephone distribution lines. These improvements are necessary to prevent major service interruptions, improve life safety systems, and reduce ongoing maintenance costs. We have submitted planning documents to DBM but this was not included in the CIP at all.

Student Housing

A new residence hall is another priority need. FSU currently has on-campus space for only 2,000 of our 4,915 (fall 2014) undergraduate students, less than half the population. This population is mostly traditional-aged and living away from home. The students not able to be accommodated on campus mostly seek out rental properties in our small town of Frostburg, a situation that is troubled on many fronts. Many, if not most, of the rental properties available are aging structures whose condition is in a state of decline, and having such a large population concentrated in our local neighborhood creates a situation ripe for conflict. It is a significant challenge to monitor and control student behavior and safety under these conditions. Recent tragedies affecting FSU students illustrate the urgent need for action.


A June 2011 housing market study by Anderson Strickler, LLC, revealed a demand for 437 additional beds, based on our undergraduate headcount. The existing on-campus space includes Edgewood Commons; a privately run apartment complex built 10 years ago, and 11 residence halls, of which the newest is 37 years old. The Board of Regents at the June meeting last year stated that a new residence hall will be considered as enrollment grows. I would add that we must renovate many of our older residence hall buildings but we need the new facility to be able to shift students to renovate our larger buildings.

FSU/USM Strategic Goals

A goal statement in FSU's Strategic Plan is to "enhance facilities and the campus environment in order to support and reinforce student learning." The USM Strategic Plan contains a similar sub-theme: "Build, support and maintain world-class teaching, research, and living and learning facilities." As an institution that is crucial to the educational attainment and economic health of the state, especially Western Maryland, the support of the University System of Maryland's Chancellor and Board of Regents will be essential to FSU's progress.

We thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Gibraltar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gibraltar".

Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

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Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Salisbury University, thank you for the support we receive from you, your staff and the Regents of the University System of Maryland pertinent to our capital program. Most recently, those efforts allowed us to secure the funding for the final year of construction of the Academic Commons. As the building rises, so does the campus' excitement for what this building will bring, not only to Salisbury University's students, faculty, and staff, but also to our community and to the region. We look forward to cutting the ribbon in summer 2016.

Strawman Capital Improvement Program

Since the Academic Commons is well underway, our planning priorities in the five-year window have now shifted to the renovation of Maggs Physical Activities Center (Maggs) and the purchase of the Dresser property.

Renovate Maggs Physical Activities Center

As I have previously discussed with you and the Board of Regents, Maggs is a multi-purpose facility, serving academics, inter-collegiate athletics, and campus recreation activities. Air conditioning was added to the main gym in 2011, but the majority of Maggs is not air conditioned. Not only does its condition impede the recruitment of prospective Salisbury University students; it also presents a life safety issue. We've been very fortunate that the 38-year-old HVAC systems still function well past their normal life, thanks to preventive maintenance. We are very concerned, however, that they are quickly approaching the point of system failure. Should that happen, there is no athletic or recreational facility at Salisbury University that could become the alternative to Maggs.

Acquire Dresser Property

The purchase of the Dresser property continues as a significant placeholder in our Facilities Master Plan to accommodate future campus growth. Though existing environmental issues continue to block its immediate acquisition, the University will need to act quickly once those issues are resolved.

Construct Fine and Performing Arts Complex

The third project in our ten-year CIP is a request for a Fine and Performing Arts Complex. Our academic programs in the arts have grown substantially and Fulton Hall can no longer adequately house studio arts such as music, ceramics, digital design, and glass-blowing, to name just a few. The building(s) will not only provide a venue for the University to showcase the wonderful talents of our students, but will also serve as a host to larger campus events and provide the greater community with enhanced cultural opportunities.

Renovate Devilbiss Hall

Devilbiss Hall has long standing issues with its HVAC systems. In addition to being extremely inefficient, these systems continually break down and replacement parts are no longer available for some of its components. Home to our Health Sciences Department, including our highly recognized nursing program, this building no longer provides for current programmatic needs for laboratories and faculty offices.

Replace Blackwell Library

Once the Academic Commons is complete, Blackwell Library will be used for swing space while the Guerrieri University Center and Maggs Physical Activity Center are under renovation. After those projects are complete, razing the library and replacing it with a modern academic building will help address current laboratory and faculty and staff office needs.

Renovate Fulton Hall

Upon completion of the Fine and Performing Arts Complex, the renovation and repurposing of art, music, theater, and dance spaces previously housed in Fulton Hall will be necessary in order to provide for the needs of the other liberal arts programs. The building's HVAC systems will also reach the end of their lifecycle at that time.

As presented in the Strawman, the Devilbiss renovation and Blackwell Library replacement have been delayed two years from our request. In addition, the Fulton Hall renovation has been excluded from the ten-year CIP. We hope the funds will become available to move these projects forward in the CIP queue.

Strawman System-Funded Construction Program

Our five-year SFCP request includes ten projects, some of which will necessitate the use of bonds and others that the institution can internally fund. While recognizing that Salisbury University must be a partner in protecting the System's bond rating, we have been setting funds aside for several years for some of these projects that are over and above

any required fund balance set-aside. Also, we have revisited the Athletic Complex Renovations project strategy and replaced the initially planned single, comprehensive project, with four separate projects with a reduced scope to achieve cost savings. Furthermore, with the exception of the new residence halls on east campus and Dogwood Drive and a new parking garage, the projects encompassed within our request are not new initiatives. The new projects are identified in our recently approved Facilities Master Plan and enable the construction of the Fine and Performing Arts Complex on the proposed site which is currently occupied by two residence halls and a parking lot.

Construct New Athletic Stadium

With construction of our new Sea Gull Stadium well underway and completion scheduled for 2016, we appreciate the Strawman recommendation to approve the use of institutional funds to equip the building (\$1,000,000) in FY 2016. This equipment will allow us to outfit the locker rooms, athletic training facility, team rooms, and press boxes with the tools necessary for them to function properly and to provide our student-athletes with first class facilities.

Renovate Athletic Fields

As mentioned above, this series of projects have been re-envisioned to save costs and decoupled in order to make them possible to construct as independent projects. The softball stadium and soccer fields will now remain in their current locations while receiving upgrades to their playing surfaces, team facilities, and press boxes. The intramural fields will relocate to a vacant site and the baseball stadium will shift to allow for the future construction of the field house.

Our priority within the overall Athletic Fields renovation project is the softball stadium, and we are requesting approval to use internal funds for that purpose. It is important to note that the contractor for the new athletic stadium, Whiting-Turner, is also the contractor for this project. Since Whiting-Turner will already be on site, it will be less costly to permit the company to complete the softball stadium renovation while on campus than to require that the company demobilize and remobilize at a later date for this purpose.

Renovate Guerrieri University Center

Similar to the issues facing Maggs, the Guerrieri University Center, our student union that was built in 1988, has had ongoing HVAC problems. The HVAC systems must be replaced and the facility is in dire need of renovation. Given this building is home to most of the staff within the Division of Student Affairs, student government, other student organizations, and the Center for Student Achievement, it is extensively utilized. By upgrading and replacing the HVAC systems, the University has chosen a plan that will greatly extend the life of the building. Providing new meeting and activity space for students and student organizations will also serve to support our recruiting and retention efforts.

Construct New Field House

While a field house would be the most expensive component of this plan, the University is seeking private funding to help defray part of the project cost. While

components of this facility may warrant the use of State funds for a portion of its construction cost, we expect the focus to be on inter-collegiate athletics and campus recreational activities. Maggs Physical Activities Center would then be used for academic offerings and would provide recreational space on the main campus.

Construct New Residence Hall and Parking Garage

As identified in our Facilities Master Plan, the proposed site for the Fine and Performing Arts Complex is occupied by Chesapeake Hall, a 178-bed residence hall built in 1977; St. Martin Hall, a 288-bed residence hall built in 1986; and a 95-space parking lot. The buildings, which were once on the edge of campus, now sit in the academic heart of our campus adjacent to the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons. Both buildings have significant indoor air quality issues due to poorly constructed building envelopes. A new residence hall on east campus would allow us to demolish these structures that are costly to operate and maintain. Additional parking to offset the loss of this lot and to support the performing arts venue will be necessary. These projects would also provide a replacement for the temporary, modular Dogwood Village housing that has now stood for thirty-plus years. The existing Dogwood site would then become the site for modern housing for students and/or other projects suitable for the key southwest corner of the campus.

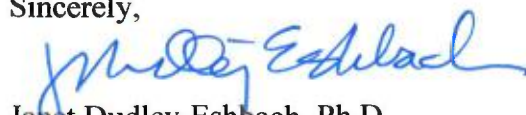
Renovate Severn Hall

Severn Hall, which was not part of the comprehensive housing renovation project beyond mechanical system replacement, is in need of common area and bathroom renovations. This building is one of the few residence halls which do not include a classroom to support the very successful living-learning communities program. This project would put Severn Hall on par with the remainder of the residence halls on campus.

We appreciate the support reflected in the Strawman for our top three CIP projects and for the completion of our much-needed stadium in the SFCP. We are not requesting any changes in the CIP at this time; we can revisit the out-year projects as the funding picture becomes clearer. In the SFCP, however, we hope the Board of Regents and Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance will support the use of cash to begin the softball stadium renovation in FY 2016 and complete it in FY 2017. We also are requesting that the bonds needed for the Guerrieri University Center renovation, also currently under review, will be approved for FY 2016.

In closing, I am greatly appreciative of the continued support for our CIP and SFCP requests and hope that you will continue to do so as we do all we can to support our students and the USM strategic plan.

Sincerely,



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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the FY 2016 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP). We recognize the challenges you face in balancing the USM's many priorities, and appreciate your continued support for the new Science Building, Health Professions, and the Visual Communication and Technology buildings. While we have been frustrated with the deferment of our much needed buildings in the Governor's recent FY 2016 Budget plan, we continue to appreciate your support and the support of the Board of Regents.

In regards to the CIP, we are in concurrence with the proposed plan. The funding of the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Health Professions will provide essential academic and lab space to enable us to address the critical workforce need for STEM and health care professionals in Maryland. The funding schedule for the Visual and Communications Technology building will increase project efficiency and provide up-to-date facilities for the growing majors within the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

With regard to the SFCP, we are thankful for your support of the Residence Tower renovation and the expansion and renovation of the University Union. The West Village Housing 3-4 and Burdick Recreational Center projects are currently under construction with final funding support in FY 2016. Given the growth status of Towson University we are concerned that the proposed plan retains two housing projects in the "Bond Requests Still Under Review". Quality student housing is critical to our success moving forward. We urge you to reconsider the funding schedule for the following projects:



We request that the Prettyman and Scarborough Halls Renovation be funded by auxiliary bonds with planning beginning in FY 2018 and construction beginning in FY 2019. These buildings have not had a significant renovation since 1956. The buildings are not air-conditioned and do not meet today's standards for student living conditions.

We request that the Glen Towers Renovation be funded by auxiliary bonds with planning beginning in FY 2019 and construction beginning in FY 2020. The 30-year old buildings are in need of critical repair, including replacement of the unreliable HVAC systems and leaking building envelopes. The buildings have never been renovated despite housing more than 50,000 students since opening in 1983. Delaying this project will impact the sequence of the campus-wide housing renovation plan and reduce our ability to provide quality housing and meet the growing demand for on-campus student accommodations.

I am optimistic that we can work together to provide up-to-date facilities for our growing student population. I look forward to discussing Towson's CIP and SFCP budget at the Capital Budget Workshop on May 11.


Sincerely,

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Subject: Working Draft FY17 CIP/FY16 SFCP

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Ten-Year State Funded Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Five-Year System Funded Construction Program (SFCP). Thanks to your leadership and the support of the Regents, the University of Baltimore continues to make progress towards fulfilling its campus master plan.

CIP RENOVATIONS: LANGSDALE LIBRARY/ACADEMIC CENTER

With your support we have completed the design competition and selected both an architect and contractor for the renovation of the Langsdale Library. While the construction funding was deferred in FY16, we were able to use the prior year funds to continue the design process and complete the interior demolition work while also continuing to raise the funds necessary for the façade replacement. We look forward to your continuing support for this project so that we can receive the FY17 funds necessary to award the construction contract. Once this project is completed we will be able to use the campus surge capacity to support the long overdue renovation of the Academic Center.

SFCP: ACQUISITION OF USPS FACILITY

I want to thank you and the Regents again for approving the long sought exchange agreement to acquire and relocate the US Postal Service Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF) at 60 W. Oliver Street. We have completed the acquisition of the site for the replacement VMF and anticipate starting the design process this summer. Once the replacement facility is completed the development of the 2.5 acre parcel contiguous to our campus will be a critical component to our updated 10-year Master-Plan. Thanks to your help and that of Senator Mikulski, Congressman Cummings and Mayor Rawlings-Blake, we are well on our way to completing this legacy acquisition.

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Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

Re: Comments on the Draft FY 2017 CIP and FY 2016 SFCP

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and FY 2016 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP). Your continuing support for UMB and the capital projects necessary to excel in the health sciences, law and social work is greatly appreciated.

Capital Improvement Program

For the next several years, the focus of the UMB CIP will be on completing the Health Sciences Facility III project and the renewal and ongoing maintenance of our facilities and campus infrastructure. I believe that it is the time to focus efforts on ensuring that our buildings are able to function and continue to support the educational and research activities critical to our mission.

Health Sciences Facility III

The Health Sciences Facility III (HSF III) project continues to be our highest priority for capital funding. I am delighted to report that HSF III continues to be on schedule and within budget. Currently, the contractor is pouring the ninth floor and the connection to the Dental School is nearing completion. The completion date remains September 2017. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project which will allow our health sciences schools to expand their research activities.

Central Electric Substation and Redundancy

This project is critical to UMB and after HSF III, our highest priority. The campus electrical infrastructure is vulnerable with several potential failure points. The possibility that the entire campus could be shut down because of an electrical failure for one or more days is real. Currently, electricity enters the campus substation from only one source and then is distributed to all buildings throughout the campus. There is no redundancy and if there is a failure at that source, the entire campus could be shut down for days or weeks. The existing substation and its switchgear are approaching 50 years old. New replacement parts are no longer available and it is getting very difficult to find reconditioned parts. The Baltimore City duct banks are very old and susceptible to collapsing and the cables running through them have exceeded their useful lives, many have failing insulation. Finally, the campus electrical system is approaching capacity. When fully occupied, HSF III will add approximately 5 megawatts of electrical demand, pushing the system beyond its maximum load.

The project before you in the preliminary CIP will address the problems I outlined in a phased manner over the next ten years. A new substation will be constructed at the northern end of the campus to

provide redundancy. New duct banks with new cables to all University-owned buildings will then be installed and finally, the existing substation will be overhauled. This project is urgently needed and I ask that you support funding for it.

Campus-wide Infrastructure Improvements

In addition to the electrical infrastructure needs discussed in the preceding project, UMB is facing a \$220 million deferred maintenance/facilities renewal backlog as documented in a recent report that inventoried the condition of our major buildings. This amount is exclusive of the renovation and restoration of our land bank buildings and the modernization of facilities and spaces to meet the evolving needs and requirements of health sciences education and research. The most urgent infrastructure needs are in our school buildings that house both education and research, such as the Medical School Teaching Facility. We have attempted to address this backlog in the usual manner using deferred maintenance funds, but the enormity of the problem is beyond the availability of that funding. Thus, I am requesting your support for \$10 million a year for campus-wide infrastructure improvements.

121 North Greene Street Building Renovation

When the University acquired 121 North Greene Street from the City of Baltimore, we committed to renovating the building so that it would not lay vacant and add to the blight of the neighborhood. The renovation of this building will provide the spaces necessary to support an inter-professional education center. Further, renovation and occupancy of the 121 North Greene Street building will help improve the University community and Baltimore's Westside neighborhood. I appreciate your including this project in the first five years of the CIP, but would like you to consider advancing the funding to begin in FY 2017.

School of Social Work Addition

The School of Social Work has grown considerably since the 1982 when it was provided with a building addition to house its students, faculty and staff. In 2002, the School received additional space for its research activities in the Law/Social Work Building, but it has outgrown this space as well. The CIP includes funding to construct an addition to the School of Social Work to address existing overcrowding and functional inadequacies as well as a growing grants and contracts portfolio. I request that you keep this project in the Five Year CIP.

MSTF Renovation

The Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF) is in need of total renovation in order to continue being useful to the School of Medicine for education and research activities. The 1970s facility is not able to support sophisticated research and teaching spaces are substandard, but because our facilities have been functioning at capacity, renovation has not been possible. With the completion of the Health Sciences Facility III, we will be able to relocate a portion of the MSTF activities and begin a phased renovation. This project will be done in concert with systems upgrades included in the Campus-wide infrastructure project. I request that this project remain in the Five Year CIP.

System Funded Construction Program

The preliminary FY 2016 SFCP request includes three cash funded projects for UMB, all are between \$1.5 million and \$2.3 million and all are priority projects. These projects continue my intent to focus on maintaining and renewing our campus assets so that they are useful in the future. Thus, I am requesting your support for these projects.

The cash funded projects being requested in FY 2016 include:

Pine Street Annex \$2,100,000

This project includes finishing the conversion of the Pine Street Annex and the limited renovation of portions of the Pine Street Police Station for the Office of Public Safety. This project was started several years ago to address the severe overcrowding and lack of appropriate facilities for our excellent public safety officers. The scope of work includes a new communications center that will be compliant with national standards, prisoner processing and holding areas and an emergency management center.

Health Sciences and Human Services Library Emergency Generator \$2,300,000

This project involves the replacement of the emergency generator that serves the Health Sciences and Human Services Library as well as the adjacent Pratt Street Garage. The Library is home to the UMB main computing center and it is critical that emergency backup power be available. Just over two years ago, there was a power outage and the computer center lost power, impacting the entire campus. I want to make sure this does not happen again.

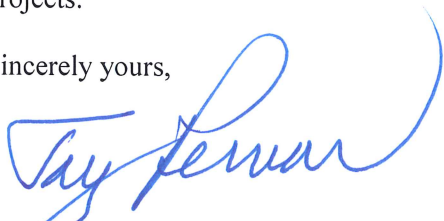
Greene and Lexington Improvements \$1,500,000

As you know, I am strongly committed to improving the neighborhoods surrounding UMB and to that end I have been working with Mayor Rawlings Blake to revitalize the area around the Lexington Market. The University owns several small row houses in the area that were acquired for future expansion. They are vacant and unsightly and do not add positively to the neighborhood. This project will begin to improve the University's assets through a series of actions including stabilization, façade improvements and, demolition of the most deteriorated and unstable buildings.

A project encompassing the **demolition of the former Carter Center** and construction of a surface parking lot along the north side of the 500 block of West Fayette Street was requested but included in the preliminary FY 2016 SFCP. I ask that you consider adding this project to the budget request. The former Carter Center building has been vacant since it was acquired by the University because it is uninhabitable. Each day, UMB faculty, students and staff walk past this structure as they move north and south on campus. They must compete with cars along the walking path and, quite honestly, I feel that their safety is at risk because of this and the numerous nooks and crannies that make it difficult to keep secure.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your support of UMB and this opportunity to provide comments regarding the CIP and SFCP. I welcome the opportunity to answer questions regarding the UMB projects.

Sincerely yours,



Jay A. Perman, MD
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May 7, 2015

William E. Kirwan, Chancellor
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Dear Brit:

I am responding to your request for feedback and input on the draft FY 2017–2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and draft FY 2016–2020 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP). My colleagues and I appreciate your continued support for advancing our capital program. We recognize the challenges faced each year in balancing USM's many capital priorities but especially now in this period of limited resources.

Regarding the Capital Improvement Program, we are grateful to you and the General Assembly for inclusion of FY 2015 through FY 2019 funding for the **Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building**. Your support demonstrates the value placed on UMBC's strong culture of integrating research, teaching, and learning. This project is an essential element of our plans to provide much needed and strategically important research and active learning instructional spaces to support continued growth in interdisciplinary life science research and to produce increasing numbers of graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

In preparation of this year's capital budget submission, we integrated those elements of our facilities master plan that are most critical to sustaining the high quality of UMBC's educational experience. Our campus has reached a stage in its development when aging buildings and deteriorating utility systems are negatively impacting the delivery of instruction and the conduct of research. Annual facilities renewal and operating funds are insufficient to address adequately the restoration and upgrade of the campus's 50-year-old infrastructure. Thus, the focus of the balance of our request is on building and system renewal projects like **Global Studies & Culture Building Renovation/Addition** and **Utility Upgrades and Site Improvements**.

With regard to the System Funded Construction Program, we appreciate your support and partnership in funding the design and construction of a 4,728-seat **Event Center**. The new Event Center will be a community gathering place to host activities that will enrich the UMBC experience for all students, make UMBC more competitive within the America East Conference, and support commencements and concerts for which we lack space.

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Your continued support of the phased renewal of campus **student housing** is also much appreciated. My colleagues and I look forward to working with USM staff as you consider our funding request for a 200-bed Residence Hall/addition. We understand current limitations on borrowing, and the need for delay in capital expenditures. At the same time, we are facing increased student demand for on-campus housing that we are unable to meet. As proposed, this new addition would be completed in time for Fall 2020 to provide the additional housing capacity needed to align with enrollment growth projections.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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May 5, 2015

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Dear Dr. Kirwan:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the preliminary working draft of the Ten-Year State-Funded Capital Improvement Program (CIP). We are always appreciative of the consideration provided by the Board of Regents and USM Office in addressing our capital needs.

We thank you for including in the working draft CIP funding for planning in FY17 for a modern **Information Communication Service Building** at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and funding for construction and equipment during the subsequent two years. A Program for such a facility has been in the CIP since 1994. We have made temporary accommodations the best way we could for the past 22 years, but with each year that passes by, we are falling behind more and more in terms of providing the space, technology and functions needed for our faculty researchers and graduate students to be competitive and successful in research and the application of science. Over these years, the vision for this facility has evolved to the present concept of a commons for information management and access, advanced analysis and collaborative learning. I look forward to making the case to the Regents for their support of the USM Office recommendation.

Another growing concern has been the pressing need for a new facility to support modern, technologically sophisticated research at the Horn Point Laboratory. While the Aquaculture and Restoration Ecology Laboratory, completed in 2003, provides outstanding capacity for experimental research requiring running seawater, the two older laboratory buildings on campus do not provide research laboratories suitable for sensitive analytical equipment required for state-of-the-art research. A **Coastal Dynamics Laboratory** that provides such facilities has also been included in the CIP since FY12 but has not advanced toward funding. We are very pleased to see the USM Office recommendation for planning funding beginning in FY20. The new laboratory will

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provide twelve dry labs that can be easily configured for future research needs while sharing common support functions. This will place UMCES in a more competitive position for attracting substantial external support for its research on the Chesapeake Bay and other coastal environments around the world.

Currently celebrating its 90th Anniversary, UMCES has accomplished many milestones in recent years. To maintain our hard-earned gains in environmental restoration, our science will be challenged to address population growth and other dynamic environmental changes including sea-level rise and other aspects of climate change. Our ability to continue to meet these challenges relies on the highly capable facilities needed to support ever more demanding research

I look forward to discussing these capital budget proposals at the Board of Regents Capital Workshop on May 11. If you have any questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to call me or Vice President Erica Kropp.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Boesch", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Donald F. Boesch
President

cc: Mr. Mark Beck
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May 6, 2015

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Dear Brit:

I am responding to Mark Beck's request for comments on the draft capital budget programs prepared by USMO.

DRAFT FY 2017-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

We greatly appreciate USMO's ongoing support of our capital needs. In particular, we thank you for including funding for four high priority projects: the St. John Learning and Teaching Center, A. James Clark Hall, Brendan Iribe Center for Computer Science and Innovation and the New Cole Field House.

I know you already understand our significant deferred maintenance and space shortage problems and the barrier they impose for us in our efforts to elevate programs and recruit the best faculty and students. We are missing opportunities and failing to recruit top faculty and students multiple times every year across the university, in part because we are not able to compete with our peers in terms of the working environment we can offer potential faculty and students. Poor quality and inadequate quantity of space also hampers our ability to meet USMO's expectations for enrollment growth with an emphasis on degrees awarded in the STEM areas, research growth and technology commercialization. We have and will continue to vigorously pursue private funding and allocate institutional funds whenever possible to help address these critical needs. However, due to the magnitude of the problem, we still need major CIP increases to address these issues in a timely manner. We understand the challenges involved in pursuing huge CIP increases, and therefore offer only two modest requests for changes to the draft CIP:

Clark Hall and Iribe Center. The distribution of funds for these projects over FY 2017 and FY 2018 in the draft CIP does not align with the construction schedules expected by our key donors. Making the following adjustments allows these projects to proceed according to agreed schedules. Doing so meets donor expectations and supports continuing fundraising for these projects. *In order to avoid delays, we ask that \$45.66M be shifted from FY 2018 to FY 2017 for Clark Hall. For the Iribe Center, we ask that \$23.0M be shifted from FY 2018 to FY 2017*

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and \$5.0M be shifted from FY 2018 to FY 2019. The total dollar amount for each project remains the same. We urge you to make these adjustments.


Campus Wide Building System and Infrastructure Improvements. The total budget for this annually funded project has always been \$135M. The draft CIP treats the Governor's deletion of funding in FY 2017 and FY 2018 as a \$20M reduction of the total budget, so the future funding amounts result in a total allocation of \$115M. We don't believe that this was the Governor's intent, as his CIP continues to state that the cost of these improvements totals \$135M. *Therefore we ask that \$20M be added to the USMO CIP, with the FY 2022 allocation increased from \$10M to \$20M and a \$10M allocation added to FY 2023.*

DRAFT FY 2016-2020 SYSTEM FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

We appreciate that our highest priority project (Remote Library Storage Facility) and two on-going housing projects (High Rise Residence Hall A/C and High Rise Residence Hall SCUB) are included as requested in the draft SFCP. However, we are concerned about the 17 projects which have not been recommended in the draft SFCP. These projects are essential to address obsolete and dilapidated space, meet our pressing academic, housing, dining, recreation and parking needs and meet the expectations of our students. Eight of these projects are part of our recently completed 15-year strategic plan for on-campus housing which is needed to enhance our ability to recruit, retain and graduate an excellent and diverse student population. We understand that many projects in the System wide draft SFCP are not recommended due to heightened concerns about the System's bond rating, and hope that the financial environment is more favorable in next SFCP cycle so that our pressing needs may be accommodated. *I ask that you reconsider one project this year that was not recommended, School of Public Health Building – Convert Locker Rooms into STEM Facilities Phase I (\$2.6M cash from STEM enhancement funds).* This is our second highest priority in the SFCP, and delay in implementing this project would impact achievement of our STEM enrollment goals. As this project is under \$5M you have the authority to approve it, and I urge you to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Should you have any questions, please call me or Vice President for Administration and Finance, Carlo Colella.

Sincerely,



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President

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE
Office of the President

May 6, 2015

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RE: UMES Comments on the Draft FY 2017 – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program and System Funded Construction Projects

Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

Thank you, and University System of Maryland Board of Regents for your support of UMES and its academic programs. Your support of our mission, programs and priorities has helped to elevate the distinctiveness of the University.

Our university is committed to providing the highest quality education to our students. We are also striving to continue on this trajectory by strengthening current program offerings in agriculture, health professions, engineering, aviation, and hospitality, while developing new programs that represent high workforce demand for our state and nation.

UMES Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)(Submitted March 20, 2015)

The University's Capital Improvement Plan submitted on March 20, 2015 set forth the following top four (4) priorities for new and renovated spaces that would enhance the learning environment for our students: 1) New Douglass Library, 2) Construction of Farm Support Buildings, 3) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions building, and 4) Kiah Hall Renovation. *(A copy of the justification for these requests is attached hereto for your convenience).*

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For reasons that follow, the University respectfully urges the University System of Maryland and Board of Regents to approve the University's requests to reprioritize its capital improvements.

In April, one month after submission of the University's original CIP, the University received a **confidential, preliminary report** of the evaluation team considering continued accreditation of the University's doctor of pharmacy program by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

The findings were deeply concerning.

While the accrediting team's overall assessment was that the university had "given careful attention to the items identified" in the last comprehensive review in April 2013, the Evaluation Team Report (ETR) noted that the university's facilities were "unsatisfactory."

In particular, the team noted that although the university had made several changes to existing buildings to accommodate the needs of the school of pharmacy,

the School currently occupies space in six different buildings and two temporary trailers. First-year pharmacy students are based in one building, the second-year students in another, faculty and administrative offices in other buildings, faculty research laboratories are spread among different buildings and the Office of Experiential Education is in yet another building."

The team found that these were "stop gap" measures and "because of this decentralization of the pharmacy program across the campus, there is no sense of a School of Pharmacy "home" and very little opportunity for faculty and student interaction outside of class."

Further still, the team noted that the school lacked "adequate and appropriate physical facilities to achieve its mission and goals" and that while faculty space "seems to be adequate for the current number of faculty members," it is "uncertain if space is adequate for future hires."

Simply put, these findings compromise the continued accreditation of the University System of Maryland's distinctive, accelerated three-year pharmacy program at UMES if left unaddressed.

The Pharmacy program was fully accredited in 2013, and recorded a 95% first time pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) in the same year. Among graduates, 62% are employed in DELMARVA and in the State of Maryland. Providing the School a "home" as stated by the ACPE team will encourage faculty and student's interaction outside classroom, consolidate and provide the required academic and research spaces.

As has been noted previously, and as the Chancellor and Regents are no doubt aware, the program at UMES is not only distinctive among HBCUs, it is distinctive among universities in the nation as only a dozen universities across the U.S. have accelerated three-year programs. The program continually attracts more students than it is able to accommodate and is one of the university's programs that is poised for future growth and continued success, provided its accreditation is maintained.

In order to ensure the ongoing accreditation of the program, it is imperative that the University seek, and be granted, the ability to reprioritize its capital improvement plan, moving the construction of a new School of Pharmacy and Allied Health professions building ("Pharmacy Building") to priority one, with planning funds in FY2017.

The reprioritization of the Pharmacy Building to priority one **does not** supplant the university's request for a new Frederick Douglass Library. Stated otherwise, the University wishes to pursue **both** the Pharmacy Building AND the new Frederick Douglass Library as priority projects with planning funds in FY2017 for pharmacy and FY2018 for the library.

Such a request is not unprecedented. Examples are replete within the USM where universities have had multiple projects in the CIP on overlapping tracks.

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In this case, the University has already demonstrated need for a new library, which is currently slated for planning funding in FY2017. But for the troubling findings that threaten the very existence of the University's pharmacy program, the University could have accepted the delayed construction of a new pharmacy building until a later date, in order to "make do."

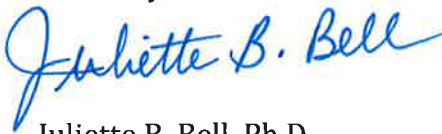
Chancellor, we are grateful to you and the Board of Regents for your support, and the leadership that you bring to the USM. We thank the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly for the support they have given to UMES. Over the years, we have consistently worked to develop new programs that are distinctive, have high workforce demand and that attract a diverse student population. Often, we do so with no additional funding, making the best of what we have in terms of human, fiscal and physical resources.

However, the circumstances now warrant a different approach. For UMES, these requests are not a matter of "either" the Pharmacy building "or" the Library. Both are needed.

I thank you for your consideration, and urge your approval of our requests.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,



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President

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

Five/Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan

UMES Project Priority #1 – School of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions

The new School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions building is now the UMES Capital Improvements Plan Project priority #1. In our testimony to you and the Board of Regents (BOR) last year, we stated that the April 9-11, 2013 on site visit to UMES by the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) team, noted that the current School of Pharmacy facilities are not ideal for the program. The evaluation team stated:

“Progress needs to be made by the University in addressing both the short-term and more long-term physical facilities needs of the School of Pharmacy. Evidence of such progress will include a report on the decision regarding the location for a new School of Pharmacy building, a target date for beginning and completing construction, and on measures taken to meet the School’s needs in the intervening years”.

Whereas efforts were made by you and the Board of Regents to include the School of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions Building in the USM 10 year Capital Improvement Plan, it seems that more effort is required. In an effort to meet the physical facility’s needs, UMES has made the School of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions building Capital Improvements Program priority #1 with planning funds in FY 2017.

The new School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions project is 110,000 GSF/66,000 NASF building in size. The building will accommodate the School of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Graduate Physician Assistants program, Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Rehabilitation Services, and support spaces. In the School of Pharmacy, the spaces to be provided will include Pharmacy practice lab (dispensing lab), Pharmacy information center/resource room, Anatomy & Physiology labs, Pharmacology labs, Pharmaceutical teaching labs, Clinical/Simulation labs, General/Research labs, and Auditorium style classrooms for 120 students, computer lab, Dean’s suite with staff and faculty offices, conference rooms, and support spaces.

UMES Project Priority #2 – New Frederick Douglass Library

We applaud your support of the new Frederick Douglass Library Building proposed for planning funding in FY 2017. We are happy that you will sustain your support of this facility needed by the entire university community. The new Frederick Douglass Library building Part 1 program was submitted to USM and DBM on October 23, 2013 and we await review comments from the agencies.

This project consists of a new Library that is 72,650 NASF/119,750 GSF and a replacement Auxiliary Gym that is 18,000 NASF/30,000 GSF in size. This project will provide a modern and resourceful library that will support our university mission and our focus on STEM. UMES' growing academics programs have outpaced the Frederick Douglass Library (FDL), which as a result, experiences an increased demand for reader space, shelving, technology, infrastructure and staff areas.

The proposed new facility will house the Frederick Douglass Library, including the Information Commons, the general collection, the serials/government documents collection, special collections and the university archives, the Media Services Center, a variety of study seating including comfortable lounge seating, a 24 Hour Quiet Study Room, a patron lounge, a bibliographic instruction laboratory, an open computer laboratory, many group study rooms, processing workrooms and storage areas, and limited staff offices so that professional staff are available to patrons at multiple service desks.

Other spaces included in this project are: the Writing Center, Academic Services Center, Instructional Design & Delivery Center, the Faculty Center, Mosely Gallery - which provides the UMES academic community with dynamic and frequently changing art exhibitions throughout the year featuring the professional work of faculty and nationally and regionally prominent artists, as well as student art work, and the Auxiliary Gymnasium. A replacement gymnasium is needed to accommodate the academic programs in Exercise Science, student life and athletic activities, club sports and intramural competition. The spaces in the replacement gymnasium are now occurring in Tawes Gymnasium, which will be displaced by the new Library project.

UMES Project Priority #3 – Farm Support Buildings

In the USM/Board of Regents FY 2014 – 2023 CIP, the Farm Support building was scheduled for funding in FY 2020 despite having been in the CIP for many years. The completed part II building program was submitted to USM and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in the year 2010 for review and approval. This project was UMES' project request priority #3 in the year 2003 (FY 2005) and it is still project priority number #3 twelve years after, with its position virtually unchanged in the funding plan. In this budget cycle, funding remains proposed for FY 2020, and we hope that you will sustain your support for this facility.

We cannot emphasize enough how critical the Construction of the Farm Support buildings is for UMES. This project is very important for UMES “STEM and STEAM” programs. This replacement project supports UMES academic and land grant mission. The Farm Support Buildings project will consist of the following four (4) academic and instructional support buildings totaling 97,250 GSF/82,400 NASF. The project components include:

(1) The Agricultural Mechanic/Science Field Research Center - this building will be approximately 17,500 GSF/10,900 NASF in size. It will accommodate an agricultural mechanics instructional lab, specimen drying areas, field research labs, staff offices, and support spaces.

(2) The Farm Maintenance Center Building will be approximately 23,000 GSF/19,100 NASF in size. It will accommodate a large farm equipment maintenance bay, standard equipment maintenance bays, farm equipment wash bay, farm equipment storage area, chemical storage and vehicle storage areas, pesticide wash bay, staff offices, and staff support spaces. This facility will be located in the crop cultivating area of the farm.

(3) The Ruminant Support Building which is approximately 16,750 GSF/14,900 NASF in size will accommodate a field research/teaching lab, feed storage area, feed mill plant, housing for cattle, goat and sheep, sheds and shelters, hay storage area, animal holding area, staff offices, and staff support spaces. This facility will be located in close proximity to the Animal Pasture area of the farm.

(4) The Poultry Technology Management Houses - The Poultry Technology buildings will consist of two poultry growing houses and it will be approximately 40,000 GSF/37,500 NASF in size. One of the poultry houses was demolished in July 2013 as part of the Aviation Science and Engineering building project. It will

be replaced as part of this project, and a second existing poultry building will be demolished during the planned projects. This project will support our agricultural sciences program needs and support our Land Grant mission and objectives.

UMES Project Priority #4 – Kiah Hall Building Renovation

This project will involve the renovation of Kiah Hall building, which is approximately 36,000 GSF/18,000 NASF. The existing building was constructed in 1940s as Somerset High School, and in 1989 was renovated to provide room for classrooms, labs and offices supporting the departments of Business and Economics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences and Physical Therapy. The department of Physical Therapy has since relocated to the new Hazel Hall building and Mathematics and computer science will relocate to the new Engineering Building in 2015. The proposed renovation will upgrade the building systems; address structural issues on the concrete block wall system, upgrade mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems, and water infiltrations into the building which occurs when the Manokin river floods. The renovated spaces will accommodate the expanding undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Business and Technology. The renovation will accommodate new program areas required and to sustain the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International accreditation. The project will also involve the reconfiguration of the existing spaces to provide adequate and efficient office spaces, conference rooms, and support spaces to house the School of Business and Technology.

In addition, the Kiah Hall building basement floods repeatedly as it is within the 100-year flood plain as indicated in the 2010 USM and the Maryland Emergency Management Administration (MEMA) approved UMES 2008 - 2018 Master Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We request that this renovation project be afforded a higher priority and brought forward to FY 2020 instead of FY 2022.

Other Projects

In the FY 2012 USM/Board of Regents CIP, the Arts and Technology building renovation and Wilson Hall renovation were proposed for funding in FY 2017 and Carver Hall renovation/addition was proposed for planning funds in FY 2020. All of these projects are now deferred with Arts & Technology proposed for FY 2023, Carver Hall and Wilson Hall renovation for FY 2025, and the Performing Arts Center Renovation proposed for 2026. These building are in dire need of renovations.

With respect to our proposed 400-bed New Residence Hall scheduled for FY 2016, we are requesting that the moratorium placed on this project be lifted. We once tried to procure this facility through the Public-Private Partnership route; however, the continued lack of private capital and the associated management challenges with this procurement approach made it unattractive. The conducted housing feasibility studies and with UMES

renting over 400 beds in surrounding neighborhoods, coupled with the impact of housing on our enrollment management and retention efforts make this project approval critical.



May 6, 2015

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Dear Chancellor Kirwan:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft FY2017-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and to update you on our project in the FY2014 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP).

Draft FY2017-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The Draft Board of Regents FY2017-2026 CIP recommends continued funding for the USM/Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Education Facility (BSE) during the first five-year period of the CIP. It also includes the \$1.5M in Planning Funds in the FY2017 request that was deferred in the State's FY2016 Capital Budget during this past Legislative Session. I appreciate the inclusion of this important BSE project.

I enthusiastically support the planning and construction of the BSE in this timeframe. The BSE is programmed to respond to new enrollment growth in undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs offered in the greater Montgomery County region. The facility is being designed to support STEMM programming in three critical areas: healthcare, engineering and computational sciences, and education. Working closely with USM partner universities, its Board of Advisors and regional employers, USG's goals for the BSE are to bring degree programs in these identified areas to support workforce and economic growth priorities in the region.

Timely investment in these programs is critical to support the USM's strategic target of increasing STEMM graduates, and to grow a talent pool of locally-educated professionals in critical areas of need in the region and the State.

We have selected both an architectural firm and a CM firm for this project, and we have completed both the Conceptual Design phase and the Schematic Design phase. We are now in Design Development and will soon begin Construction Drawings. The project is on time and on budget. Construction is set to begin in May 2016 and the BSE is projected to open for classes in Fall 2018.

Status Report on FY14 System Funded Construction Program (SFCP) Project

A new 700-space parking garage related to the BSE was included in FY14's SFCP. Montgomery County's Executive Ike Leggett and County Council partnered with USM to fund a structured garage and related site work at approximately \$20 million as the first step in the development of this BSE Academic Complex. An MOU was signed last year, and this commitment is included in the County's current CIP budget to reimburse USM. The new campus entrance road has been completed. Design of the garage is completed and construction began in March 2015. Garage construction is to be completed in March 2016. The project is on time and on budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate my support of this critically-needed project and for including it as part of the current CIP. Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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