



MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY: Dakota Hall and Academic Buildings

Requested Supplementary Information – Governor’s Office – March 24, 2023

Dakota Hall

1. New Facility, renovation or demolition and reconstruction

This project is for a complete demolition of Dakota Hall residence hall. The 92-year old building has not been used to house students for several years and is mostly empty. The Hall is in disrepair beyond its useful life, but still requires expenditures each year for utilities, insurance, and basic maintenance. There is plenty of student housing availability on and near campus, and the costs of renovating the existing structure are prohibitive. Dakota Hall will be razed and not replaced.

2. Number of square feet

Dakota Hall is 29,736 square feet.

3. Was the Building listed on the NDUS projects list?

Yes. The \$765,000 Dakota Hall demolition request was ranked as a priority project in the “top tier” among all NDUS requests by the State Board of Higher Education.

4. Location of the Building

Dakota Hall is located on campus. Please see attached campus map.

5. Will any funds be raised for the project?

There is no intention to attempt to raise funds for this demolition.

6. Has this building already been funded by the Legislature?

This is a new request for the 2023 Legislative Session, and funding of \$765,000 for the project is included in the currently engrossed version of HB 1003.

Academic Buildings

1. New Facility, renovation or demolition and reconstruction.

This request includes funding for multiple academic departments on campus. The primary focus of this request is almost entirely on renovating existing campus facilities. Aside from replacing the campus Greenhouse, every other expenditure would go toward renovations with no new or additional square footage. These projects are focused on workforce, and specifically geared toward such academic areas including Nursing, Cybersecurity, Cyber Operations, Math/Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, Data Science, Exercise Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Wildlife:

- Expand MSU’s Nursing Department to attract and graduate a larger number of Nursing students each year.

- Renovate the 60-year old Hoffman Auditorium lecture hall in Cyril Moore Science Center.
- Replace the 60-year old Biology Greenhouse that is beyond its useful life.
- Modernize the Cybersecurity labs and classrooms; MSU's new Cybersecurity & Operations program has grown from 4 declared majors in Fall 2020 to 34 in Fall 2022. MSU achieved federal NSA and DHS status as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense in 2022.
- Modernize the Math labs and classrooms to support Math and Computer Science majors.
- Renovate and modernize a number of classrooms in various academic departments and buildings across campus in growing areas such as Entrepreneurship and Exercise Science.

2. Number of square feet by category (all are renovations, except replacement of Greenhouse)

- Nursing Expansion (Memorial Hall – academic space) 9,500 S.F.
- Science Lecture Hall (Cyril Moore Hall – academic space) 4,300 S.F.
- Biology Greenhouse (connected to Moore Hall – academic space) 500 S.F.
- Math/Computer Science Renovations (Model Hall – academic space) 5,000 S.F.
- Cybersecurity Upgrades (Model Hall – academic space) 6,000 S.F.
- Classroom Modernizations (Multiple Buildings – academic space) 16,000 S.F.

3. Number of Classes and number of students that will utilize the space.

- Nursing Expansion (Memorial Hall) Increase annual Nursing enrollment
- Science Lecture Hall (Cyril Moore Hall) 10 courses/semester - 395 students
- Biology Greenhouse Student lab and project work
- Math Renovation (Model Hall) 29 courses/semester – 457 students
- Cybersecurity Renovation (Model & Old Main) 12 courses/semester – 128 students
- Classroom Modernizations (multiple facilities) 60 courses – 900 students

4. Was the proposal listed on the NDUS projects list?

No. The proposal was developed during House Appropriations deliberations on HB1003.

5. Location of the buildings.

All renovation projects are in existing academic buildings except for the proposed Greenhouse replacement which is a separate facility connected to Cyril Moore Hall, which houses the Science departments. Please refer to the attached map for campus locations.

6. Provide any designs, renderings or blueprints that are currently available.

No formal designs have yet been developed.

7. Will any funds be raised for the project or have any funds already been raised?

HB 1003 requires a 5% fundraising matching component. Matching funds will be raised in collaboration with the MSU Development Foundation but have not yet been identified.

8. Has this building already been funded by the Legislature and if so, please describe the use of the new funding?

Project funding of \$7.6 million with a \$400,000 required matching component is included in the currently engrossed version of HB 1003.