

MSSU Board of Governor's Meeting
Vice President for Business Affairs
April 15, 2016

Construction

- **Reynolds Hall Lab remodeling** – The contractor (Crossland) has received the bids from most of the subs and so far everything is within budget. Crossland will begin light demo of the 3rd floor in a couple of weeks with the major demo occurring after the spring semester ends and before summer school starts in order to not disrupt classes. We are still on track to finish the 3rd floor in December and move Chemistry from the 1st floor to the 3rd floor and begin demo of 1st floor for Biology. The Chemistry and Physics labs will be moved to the 3rd floor and Biology and Environmental Health will move to the 1st floor. We have had great involvement from the faculty on the redesign of all aspects of Reynolds.

Budget – State Bonding money \$5.2M; Fundraised \$1.5M, State match \$1.5M = \$8.2M

Architect – Paragon (Spfd.) + HERA (Lab design consultants)

- **Trail project w/City of Joplin** – The City's Public Works Director was notified by FEMA last month that they were still reviewing the application and will let him know if they have additional questions.

Slow boat. The City had to jump thru some additional hoops for the FEMA application such as obtaining letters from Jasper County and the cities of Webb City and Duquesne stating that they did not object to changing the Base Flood Elevation on the FEMA maps. The City stated that they have everything they need and will be sending in the FEMA application with a check within a couple of days.

There is a slight hiccup on this project. Due to the change in the floodplain it will take an additional \$10K filing fee to FEMA plus an estimated \$10K engineering fee to finalize the plans. Also, due to the added time for the re-engineering and filing, the project could take an additional 6-12 months. We are still working with the City of Joplin on the project but we are uncertain whether the project will be getting off the ground this year.

Budget - \$80K (lighting)

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- We are finalizing the budget for next fiscal year and are closely watching the actions at the State level. Another Board Budget/Audit sub-committee meeting will be needed in June (before our Board meeting) to finalize the budget.

Other

- The Human Resources office in collaboration with Accounts Payable in the Treasurer's office has had a MOSERS auditor here this week as part of a routine compliance audit for their GASB reporting. This is a routine audit they have done around the State since 2012 and only have a couple of schools remaining. According to the auditor, we will probably not be visited again for another 5-6 years. The auditor finished the field work and left earlier than expected, due to how well organized we were in the payroll department. She said that our payroll and personnel files are in very good shape and that she did not expect any findings. The auditor looked at over 90 files and was impressed with our staff and organization. Kudos go out to Jan Garner in Payroll and the whole Human Resources staff as well as the Treasurer's office for a job well done.