STUDENT SENATE LAW 2018-125

TITLE: Allocation of Reserves for Construction Projects within the J. Wayne Reitz Union

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AMOUNT: $405,023.20

J. Wayne Reitz Union Construction Projects

Background: The J. Wayne Reitz Union is a staple to the university as students, faculty, staff, families, community members, and visitors benefit from the resources and space every day. It is the goal of Student Government to ensure accessibility to all visitors while also allowing the flexibility for students to have an enjoyable, individualized experience in their student union. The reserve transfer will go towards three construction projects within the J. Wayne Reitz Union. First is the installation of a SureHands lift system providing students and visitors an accessible bathroom within the J. Wayne Reitz Union and an additional accessible bathroom on campus. Second, the First Run Quality Digital Projector will allow the Reitz Auditorium to show first-run movies while also increasing programming opportunities and functionality within the space. Finally, Student Legal Services was not included in the scope of the Reitz Renovation and Expansion Project. The renovation of the SLS suite will bring it into the 21st century and allow for a more welcoming space for students seeking to utilize this critical service. Any unused funds for these projects will be transferred back to Student Government Reserves.

The funds will be allocated as follows:
Installation of SureHands lift system: $10,400.00
Reitz Auditorium Audio Visual (AV) Package: $89,375.10 (AV), $8,937.51 (Contingency)
Student Legal Services Renovation: $18,510.00 (Architect), $210,000.00 (Contractors), $40,863.26 (Furniture), $26,937.33 (Contingency).

Intent: To effectively provide resources for students that are going to enhance the student experience and make the J. Wayne Reitz Union a more accessible and welcoming place.

Proviso: This allocation is a one-time reserve transfer that will exhaust at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2019. The projects are scheduled to reach completion prior to December 31, 2019.
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