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Update on Major Projects August 2015

Fine Arts Instructional Center – The construction of this 118,000 square foot facility is scheduled to be substantially complete in the fall of 2015. In January the facility will open for use by the University. We have begun to procure equipment for the building and will continue this process through the fall. We plan on moving any equipment not required for the fall semester in October and November, faculty offices will move over the winter intersession and classes will begin in the building in spring 2016.

Shafer Hall Renovations – This project will renovate the 1946 building which is one of Eastern's earliest buildings. Shafer Hall will be renovated for residential use with two, four and six person suites. The building will house approximately 100 students. Shafer Auditorium will be renovated and retained for use as an assembly space. The project will also include upgrades to electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers, and heating; new windows; and repairs to the building skin. The building will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations which strive to match the USGBC LEED Silver Certification Standards. We are in the schematic design phase of this project exploring some exciting options for the renovation of this building. The design process is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2016 and construction should begin in the summer 2016 with a completion of the project scheduled for summer of 2017.

Goddard/Communication Renovations – This project will renovate both Goddard Hall and the Communication buildings, providing for newly-renovated classrooms, labs and offices. The project will also include new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers and heating upgrades. Windows will be replaced, and improvements to the building skin will be addressed. This building will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations. The programming phase has been completed with general programmatic layouts completed and proposed phasing options outlined. The design is scheduled to kick off in the fall.

Academic Quad – The project is substantially complete. We will be replacing plants that did not survive the warranty period in the fall planting season.

North Heat Plant Primary Pump Replacement – This project replaced the Primary water cooled pumps in the North Heat Plant with new air cooled pumps. This system pumps hot water through the HTHW lines to most of our campus buildings and is crucial for providing heat and domestic hot water. The new pumps are much more efficient than the older pumps, and we will see significant savings on water usage previously used to cool the pumps.

Campus Master Plan – Every 7 to 10 years the University undergoes a Master Planning Process. Eastern completed Master Plans in 1992, 1997 and 2007. The Master Planning Process guides the University in capital needs based on space utilization, program projections and facility conditions for the next 10 years. Over the summer we held several meetings to further define space needs, overall goals for the Master Plan and review possible options for the future development of the campus. This process will continue into the fall and early winter. A draft plan will be ready in September for comment and the final plan is expected to be completed by December of this year.

Hot Water Heater Replacement – Constitution, Nutmeg and Laurel Halls – This project replaced the large commercial domestic hot water heaters in Constitution, Nutmeg and Laurel Halls. The contract for construction was awarded in February to allow enough time to procure and install the equipment. The project is complete.

Re-Surface Baseball Infield – The baseball stadium was completed in 1998 and has seen continual use since its opening. This project will re-furbish the infield. The design is complete and we will be bidding the project in late fall. Construction will commence in late May 2016.

Replace Sports Lighting - Baseball Field – In March a concrete lighting pole at the baseball field collapsed. Facilities conducted a structural review of the remaining poles and found that four additional poles had structural issues requiring immediate action. As a result, all of the poles were removed and a project was initiated to hire an engineer to design new lighting for the field. The design is substantially complete. We will be submitting the design for a building permit and are working with a lighting contractor to supply and install the lights late this fall.

Re-surface 400 Meter Track – The 400 meter track was originally constructed in 2003. The track has had continual use by Eastern's athletic teams, intramurals, staff and local residents. It had begun to show significant wear. This project provided a new surface as well as re-stripping all lanes and track event areas. The project was completed in August.

HTHW Piping Replacement between Niejadlik and Facilities Building – This project replaced old high temperature hot water piping serving Niejadlik Hall, Crandall Hall, Occum Hall, Hurley Hall, and the Facilities Building. The project also replaced the walkways between Niejadlik Hall and the Facilities Building. The project design was completed in January, and a construction contract was issued in February allowing enough time to procure the piping and perform the installation over the summer months. It was an aggressive schedule, and the project is now substantially complete.

Campus Sidewalk Replacement – This project was designed to replace the sidewalks that had deteriorated along Eastern Road, behind Wood Hall and around the J.E. Smith Library. The age of some of the walkways coupled with harsh winter conditions left many sidewalks in disrepair. The project will be substantially complete in mid-September.