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Update on Major Projects May 2016

Shafer Hall Renovations – This project will renovate the 1946 building, one of Eastern’s earliest buildings. For the past 20+ years Shafer Hall housed general purpose classrooms, studios and labs for the Performing Arts Department and the Department of Art and Art History. Shafer will be gutted and renovated for use as a residence hall. We are introducing a new loft-style apartment for this building along with some two- and four-person suites. The building will house approximately 90 students. Shafer Auditorium will be renovated and retained for use as an assembly space. The Harry Hope Theatre will be renovated for recreation space and will be designed for use by students campus-wide. The project will also include upgrades to electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers, and heating as well as 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. The project is entering into the final phase of design. The building has been vacated and asbestos abatement has begun. Construction is expected to start late summer and the project is scheduled to be completed in winter of 2017.

Goddard Hall/Communication Building Renovations – This project will renovate both Goddard Hall and the Communication Building, providing for newly-renovated classrooms, labs and offices. The project will also include new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers, windows and heating upgrades. Once renovated, these buildings will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations. The programming phase, which includes general programmatic layouts, has been completed and proposed phasing options have been outlined. The contract for the Architect of Record is being finalized and we expect to begin design before the end of May.

Campus Master Plan – The Master Planning Process has been completed. Final comments have been incorporated and the final document is going to print. The Master Plan will be posted on the Facilities Management & Planning Website.

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 construction is scheduled to start in late May following the baseball season. The project will be completed by the beginning of August.

Campus Sidewalk Replacement – This project will continue our efforts to repair sidewalks throughout campus. It will include stairs and walkways around the Library, on the West side of the Sports Center and the walkway from Webb Hall to the High Rise Complex. Many of these walkways are over twenty years old and in need of replacement.

Pride Center – The current Pride Room is being replaced with a Pride Center. The new Center is being designed to allocate more space as it connects with the other Centers in the Unity Wing of the Student Center. The design is underway, and we expect to apply for a building permit late this spring and bid for summer construction. The space will be available in the fall of 2016.

Parking Garage – Upgrade Lighting – The retrofitting of fixtures and lamps in both the Cervantes and Shakespeare Garages was completed over the Spring Break. This project is in line with Eastern's Green Initiatives. The yearly savings in electrical costs are expected to be \$20,000. This project received most of its funding through a grant from Eversource.

HTHW Line Replacement MH1 – This project will replace a small section of HTHW piping outside of the heat plant. The piping was found to be deteriorated and in need of replacement. Piping has been pre-ordered to expedite the construction time line. The project is expected to last approximately six weeks barring any unforeseen conditions.

Student Center Hot Water Heater Replacement – This project will replace the hot water heater that supplies domestic hot water for the Student Center. It will require the shutdown of the kitchen for two weeks. The project is expected to be completed by May 31, 2016.