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Update on Major Projects January 13, 2017

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. 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 that 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 has entered the final phase of design. During this past winter, asbestos was abated from the building and some of the demolition of interior walls began to clear the building for the upcoming re-construction. The project is expected to break ground in the summer of 2017. This project is in line with our Master Plan.

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 and heating upgrades. Windows will be replaced, and building skin improvements will be addressed. Once renovated, these buildings will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations. Schematic Design has been completed, and we are beginning the design development phase. The design process is scheduled to be complete by late July. It is expected that the Communication Building would come offline after the spring 2017 semester with construction lasting approximately one year. Following the completion of the Communication Building, Goddard Hall would come offline for construction and would be expected to be complete in June of 2019. Temporary academic space and departmental space is needed during each phase of the construction. Facilities Management & Planning staff have been meeting with the groups to be re-located in order to understand the needs during the construction phase and to identify the best available space on campus to satisfy those space needs. The final details for temporary space assignments while each building is offline will be completed during the month of January. We will be contracting with a mover to assist in the move to temporary space.

Grant House Renovations – Renovation work is complete including a new roof, painting of the exterior, new telecom/data system and buildout of new office space to support Counseling Services. Equipment is being moved to support a move of some of the Counseling Services functions to this building in the late spring/early summer.

Sports Center Elevator Upgrade – Plans and specifications have been completed and submitted to the Office of the State Building Inspector for permit for construction. This work involves building out a new elevator machine room, a new hydraulic pump, elevator controller and related equipment that could not be located in the existing elevator machine room. Work is expected to begin this winter and be complete by late spring/early summer.

Webb Hall Elevator Upgrades – A project has been initiated, an architect has been selected, and funding approved for the upgrade of both the classroom wing elevator and the faculty wing elevator. The design will begin this winter. The construction of this project will be phased so that the building has one elevator in operation at all times.

Masonry Repairs – J. Eugene Smith Library & Wood Support Services Center – A project has been initiated, an architect has been selected, and funding has been approved for masonry repairs/re-pointing at the J. Eugene Smith Library and Wood Support Services Center. The design will start this winter, and we expect to go into construction by late fall.

Low Rise Courtyard Improvements & Stair Replacement – A project has been initiated and design has begun on upgrades to the Low Rise complex courtyards and stairway replacement. The design will include seating walls, new lighting, new lawns and paving to enhance the courtyards at the Low Rise complex. The project will also include the replacement of the four exposed stairways at the Low Rise complex.

Honors House Improvements – Designs are being prepared to make improvements to the interior of the Honors House. Improvements will include a new layout in the kitchen to facilitate better usage of this space including demolition and re-location of the accessible bathroom located off of this kitchen, upgrades to interior finishes, and new furniture. Designs are in the final stages and will be submitted to the State Building Inspector for permit for summer construction.