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Update on Major Projects January 2023

Residence Hall Masonry Repairs – The architect performed the initial masonry probes and investigation of existing conditions the last week of July. Design is underway, and a review of progress prints was completed in August. Due to funding constraints, the project scope is being reduced to include the High Rise building and Niejadlik Hall. The design is due to be complete in mid-February and will go out to bid in early spring. The repairs will include the removal and replacement of spalled and cracked brick, repointing, repair and replacement of flashing and caulking. We expect to begin construction in the summer of 2023.

347 Prospect Street – Structural Upgrades and Exterior Skin Repair – 347 Prospect Street is a Queen Anne Victorian purchased by the University in 2021. The property has been vacant for several years and needs structural repairs as well as repairs to the skin of the building. The project design is wrapping up and a review is in progress by the State Historical Preservation Office. The design is scheduled to be completed within six months. We have experienced some delays in the design of the project and it is now expected that the project will be bid in the spring of 2023. The design will need to be reviewed and approved by the National Historic Preservation Office.

Science Building Exterior Stair and Retaining Wall Restoration – This project was completed at the end of July. The exterior stairs were re-pointed and caulked, and walkways were replaced.

Hurley Hall Roof Replacement – The construction contract has been signed and submittals of materials have been reviewed and approved. Due to supply chain issues associated with roofing materials, the work had to be postponed for 14 months. The work is scheduled to begin immediately following commencement and is expected to be completed by mid-August.

Child and Family Chiller Replacement – During the summer of 2021 the chiller that serves the Child and Family Development Resource Center failed. A replacement chiller has been delivered and installed. Final control wiring is being completed. The chiller will be ready and operational for spring 2023.

Science Building Green House Expansion Study – This project has been initiated to provide programming and exploration of options to expand the existing greenhouse to support the new Hemp Program. The architect has prepared preliminary layouts for an expansion of space to support the cannabis program. The final report is being completed which includes recommendations for repairs and improvements to the existing greenhouse, cost estimates for proposed expansion and final layouts.

Sports Center Building Condition Study – A project has been requested to perform a thorough assessment of the condition of the Sports Center to review building systems and overall building condition to determine priority projects to keep the building optimally supporting the needs of Athletics and student recreation until a new building can be constructed. The delay in project funding for a new building has created the need for this project. The final documents are being prepared and are expected by the end of January. This report will be used to not only support needs for a new Sports Center, but to also document necessary improvements to support on-going operations in the existing sports center for a minimum of ten years.

New Classrooms – Science and Library – Planning is underway to convert a vacant space in the Library, originally used as a computer lab when the library opened, into a 40-seat, general-purpose classroom. Planning is also underway to convert a lab in the Science Building into a 40-seat classroom. The room was being used by the Health Sciences Department. Both of these classrooms are expected to be on line for the fall of 2023.