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University Accreditation Information Renovations and New Construction Fiscal Years 1997-1998 to 2006-2007 December 13, 2006

Introduction

The Physical Plant Department of the Newark Campus has conducted numerous improvements to University buildings and grounds associated with student academic and services environments from Fiscal Year 1997-98 through 2006-07. The attached presents lists of specific projects and costs intended to enhance undergraduate education and experience, divided into five major areas:

- Classroom Improvement
- ADA – Handicapped Accessibility
- Grounds Beautification
- Student Life
- Life Safety

Renovation and New Construction Projects

Classroom Improvement

The bulk of the funds for classroom improvements came from both HEFT and the HECIP accounts. The university does not have a recurring dedicated fund to upgrade classrooms or lecture halls. Since Fiscal Year 97-98, the university has invested \$12.5 million in Newark classrooms and lecture halls.

ADA – Handicapped Accessibility Program

The University has traditionally allocated approximately \$300,000 annually to fund projects directly related to the accessibility needs of faculty, staff and students. Project must meet the following criteria:

- o Access to buildings and primary function areas of buildings
- o Access to restrooms and interior path of travel
- o Signage, phones, water fountain improvements

Since Fiscal Year 97-98, the university has invested \$1.1Million for ADA accessibility needs for Newark buildings and grounds.

Grounds Beautification

The University utilized both HECIP funds and Parking Account funds to improve the appearance of the grounds and parking facilities in Newark. Work has included shrubbery and plant material replacement, new landscaped designs, planters, new flowerbeds, sidewalk replacement, installation of retaining walls, new fencing, installation of pavers and replacement/repair of paved surfaces.

The University invested \$6.0M on Newark grounds since Fiscal Year 1997-98.

Student Life Projects

Annual Student fees and Operations and Maintenance budgets fund all Student Center and Recreational Center upgrades. Projects included an artificial field, improvements to gyms and locker rooms, improved food services, and renovations in student center areas.

Since Fiscal Year 97-98, the University has invested \$4.9Million on Newark Student and Recreation Centers.

Life Safety Projects

The University does not consistently fund Life Safety projects; however, many of the projects listed were funded by the HECIP accounts. Projects must meet the following criteria:

- An unsafe/unhealthful condition is, or may be, caused by a deficient facility condition that creates a serious and immediate endangerment of people
- The facility condition, originally installed or constructed appropriately, is now considered unsafe due to increasingly stringent codes or other requirements, including in-house University standards. In general, older facilities are assumed to have been built properly

Since Fiscal Year 1997-98, the university has invested \$2.9Million on Newark Life Safety projects.