

MINUTES
Board of Regents
October 9, 2019

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU) held a special meeting pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. The meeting was held on the WSU Pullman campus in Lighty Student Services Building, Room 401.

I. Call to Order. Regent Brett Blankenship, Chair called the special meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and said the purpose of the meeting was consider Action Item 1: WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Building (REC5) Increase Project Budget. Chair Blankenship informed the audience that the Regents would be participating in the meeting by telephone conference call. Chair Blankenship reminded the audience that there would be a public comment period during the meeting and that the public comment period would be after the Board had concluded its business and would be for up to ten minutes. He instructed anyone wishing to make public comment to sign up with Desiree Jacobsen, Executive Assistant to the Board of Regents. Chair Baseler then instructed Desiree to take a roll call.

II. Roll Call. Present via telephone: Brett Blankenship, Chair; Regents Ted Baseler, Scott Carson, Johanna Pantig, Lura Powell, Heather Redman, Lisa Schauer, Ron Sims, and Mike Worthy.

Present in Pullman: President Kirk Schulz, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Bryan Slinker, Senior Assistant Attorney General Danielle Hess, Chief of Staff Christine Hoyt Vice, President for Finance and Administration Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Marketing and Communications Phil Weiler, and Faculty Representative to the Board A. G. Rud.

III. Action Item 1: WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5) Increase Project Budget

Vice President for Finance and Administration Stacy Pearson reviewed the proposed action item.

After Board discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #191009-615 approving the WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5), a \$600,000 increase in the project budget, and further delegate to the President or his designee the authority to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted account of \$66.6M as proposed.

Chair Blankenship requested a roll call vote. Motion carried. (*Exhibit A*)

VII. Public Comment. No public comment.

VIII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held November 15, 2019, on the WSU Vancouver Campus, at the Firstenburg Student Commons, Room 101-103.

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ACTION ITEM #1

WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building
V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5)
Increase Project Budget
(Stacy Pearson/Olivia Yang)

October 9, 2019

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5), increase project budget by \$600,000

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5) \$600,000 increase in the project budget, and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount of \$66.6M.

SUBMITTED BY: Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:**

The Plant Sciences Building (REC5) advances the development of the V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex east of Stadium Way, which houses research laboratories engaged in the advancement of science and technology in the areas of plant biochemistry, plant pathology, horticulture and crops and soils sciences.

The Plant Sciences Building (REC 5) was approved by the Board of Regents on May 5, 2017 with a total project budget of \$66,000,000, contingent on funding from the Legislature. The project budget anticipated state capital budget funding of \$58,900,000 for construction. However, in the 2019-21 state capital budget, the state funded \$52,000,000 for construction, for a total project budget of \$59,100,000.

As a result of the reduced funding, the top two floors of the facility are left shelled. The University intends to fund \$7.5M to complete the remaining floors, using a combination of College reserves and

revenues. The additional funding will result in a new total project budget of \$66.6M, or an increase of \$600,000.

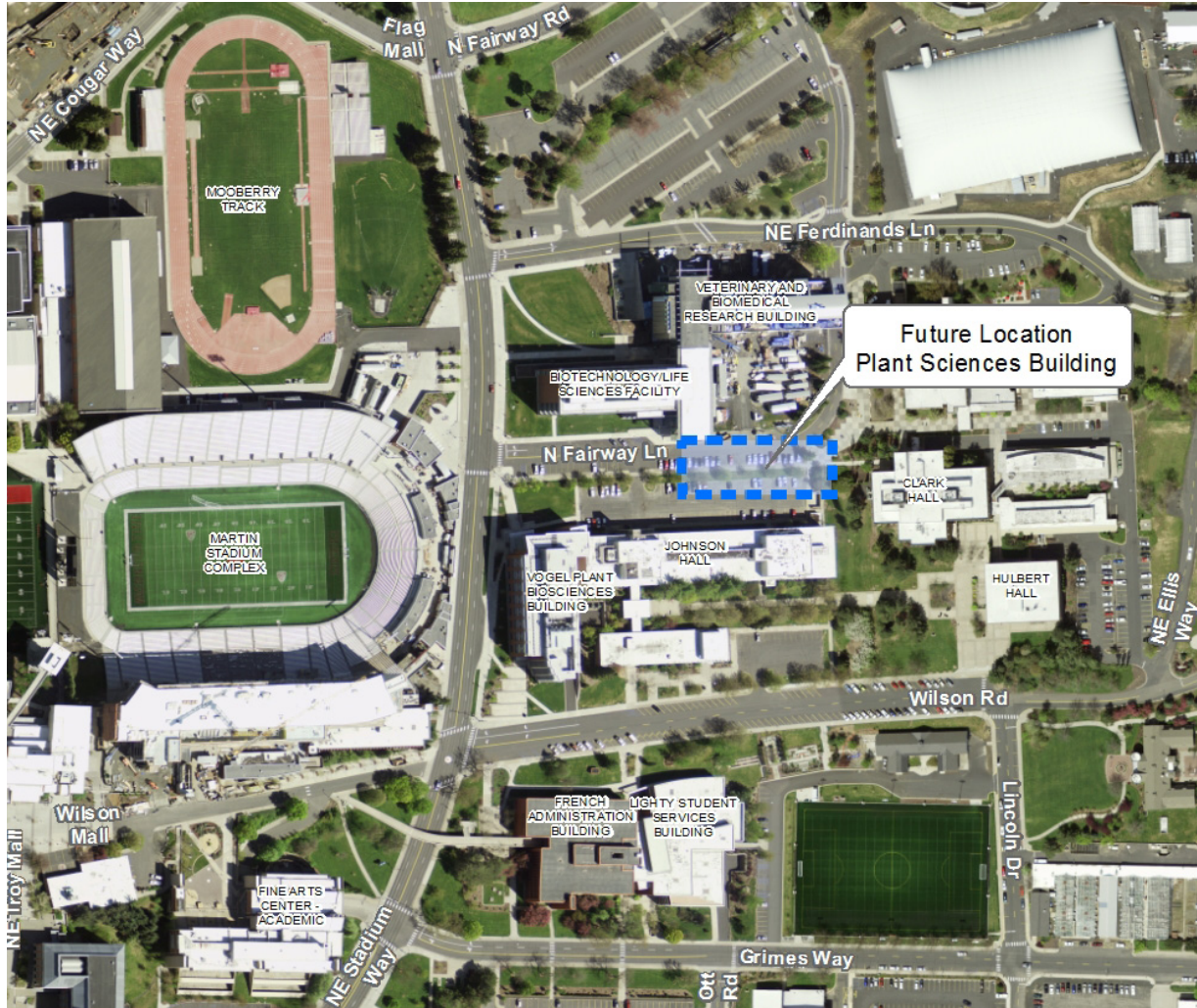
WSU received \$500,000 for pre-design in 2013-15 and \$6,600,000 for the design and pre-construction in the 2015-17 state capital budgets. The University requested construction funding in the amount of \$58,900,000 in the 2017-19 State capital request and received \$52,000,000 for Construction in the 2017-19.

The project is currently scheduled for completion June 2020. Notice to proceed with the completion of the shelled floors by November would allow completion of the shelled space by October 2020.

The Aerial Site is appended as Attachment A

Attachment A

Aerial Site Map



Board of Regents

WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins
Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5)
Increased Project Budget

Resolution #191009-615

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528 has authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law and to enable the President, or designee to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of the University.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents approve the Plant Sciences Building – V. Lane Rawlins Research Education Complex Bldg. 5 (REC5) increased project budget, and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount of \$66.6M.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents