

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Demolition of Botany Plant House and Chemistry-Botany Annex
Date: October 6, 2003

Recommended Action:

Approve the demolition of the Botany Plant House and the Chemistry-Botany Annex. **(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Executive Summary:

The University wishes to demolish the Botany Plant House, located on the west campus immediately to the southwest of Hospital Parking Ramp #1, and the Chemistry-Botany Annex, located immediately to the north of the Chemistry Building. (Maps indicating the locations of the buildings are included as Attachments A and B).

The obsolete structures, which formerly served the University's Botany program, have reached the end of their useful lives and are no longer needed for University use; their functions are being relocated to the newly constructed and renovated Biological Sciences facilities on the east campus.

At this time, the University anticipates demolishing the Botany Plant House in January 2005, and the Chemistry-Botany Annex in May 2005.

The demolition costs for the structures have not yet been estimated, and the source of funds for the demolitions has not yet been identified.

Background and Analysis:

General
Information

The Botany Plant House was constructed in 1948 and consists of 10,306 gross square feet.

- The lower level of the building is no longer used because of structural deficiencies. In addition, a portion of the greenhouse area has been vacated due to safety concerns.
- The University no longer has a need for the building since the Botany program now utilizes greenhouse space in Biology Building East.


The Chemistry-Botany Annex was constructed in 1938 and consists of 3,645 gross square feet.

- The Annex needs to be demolished to accommodate the Chemistry Building renovation project.
- The building currently houses Botany research laboratories which will be relocated to the renovated Biological Sciences facilities in the spring of 2004.

Board Procedures

Approval of the demolitions is requested in accordance with the Board's Policy Manual which requires the Board to approve the disposal of buildings with an estimated value of \$1,000 or more.

- The University has not provided specific dollar values for the properties.


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Approved: 
Gregory S. Nichols