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Introduction

St. Mary's College, located in Historic St. Mary's City, is designated the State's public honors college. The College's charter, established by the State of Maryland in 1992, provides both the promise of a public education affordable to all, thriving on diversity, and the high standards of academic excellence. As always, the College is grateful to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission for their ongoing commitment to higher education, in general, and to St. Mary's College specifically.

Capital Budget for FY 2019

The College concurs with the analyst's recommendations.

The College's FY19 – FY23 Capital Budget request includes two projects, a new academic building, and infrastructure improvements. Our request is consistent with the Governor's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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| | | FY19 | Project Totals | |
| | New Academic Building and Auditorium | | | |
| | • Design | \$3.0M | | |
| | Construction/Equipment | <u>\$0.6M</u> | | |
| | | \$3.6M | \$77.8M* | |
| *Project total includes \$2.9M College funds – fund raising complete summer '16 | | | | |
| | Campus Infrastructure Improvements (FY19 – FY23) | \$2.4M | \$17.6M | |

FY19 - FY23 College Capital Budget Request

New Academic Building and Auditorium

The project constructs a new academic building to house the departments of Music and Educational Studies, as well as study space, and a 700-seat auditorium. Relocating the Music and Educational Studies departments will enable the College to reallocate vacated space to the sciences (Goodpaster Hall) and the arts (Montgomery Hall). The new study space will provide a contemporary "Learning Commons" for student collaboration and research. The auditorium will provide an appropriately sized facility for concerts, lectures, and other uses that currently cannot occur for lack of a suitable facility.

This project requires the relocation of athletic fields to clear the site for the new building. The new athletic fields component of the project, the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium, includes a new grass playing field and a new artificial turf field with a running track. Support facilities include seating for 1,600 spectators (800 per field), team rooms, concessions, press box, and parking.

An archaeology study of the Jamie L. Roberts stadium site discovered 18th and 19th century slave dwellings. After consultation with Historic St. Mary's City, the Maryland Historic Trust, as well as internal and external stakeholders, the location of the stadium site was adjusted to avoid and preserve archaeological features to the greatest extent practical. In addition, stakeholders desired that a contemplative site be considered for the portion of the protected areas of the stadium site consisting of art and/or structures to encourage reflection about the enslaved and enslaving individuals who once inhabited the property.

The College has been engaged in pre-concept efforts to develop the scope and goals for the commemoration project. The College will provide funds for design and seeks State capital funds in the amount of \$0.5 million for its construction as part of the New Academic Building and Auditorium project.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$77.8 million with the College providing \$2.9 million. The College successfully completed and exceeded its fundraising requirement two years ahead of schedule. The FY19 request includes \$3.6 million for the design, the construction of the Slave commemoration site, and the purchase of equipment for the athletic field component.

Campus Infrastructure Improvements

This project will provide infrastructure improvements in multiple phases to include improvements to pedestrian safety, building HVAC systems, roof replacements, building envelopes, and campus roadways. The Governor's CIP includes \$2.4 million in FY19 for a total \$17.6 million from FY19 through FY23.

Anne Arundel Hall

Anne Arundel Hall was completed last year. The College concurs with the recommendation to de-authorize \$688,385 in FY14 and FY15 Funds.

