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**St. Mary's College of Maryland**  
**FY2021 Capital Budget Request**

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**House Appropriations Committee**  
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**Dr. Tuajuanda C. Jordan, President**  
**The Honorable Sven E. Holmes, Trustee**  
**Mr. Charles C. Jackson, Government Relations Liaison**

**Introduction**

St. Mary’s College of Maryland, located in Historic St. Mary’s City, is designated the State’s public honors college. Supporting the two goals articulated by the State’s historical vision for the College - the educational requirements of an honors program and the promise of access - sets St. Mary’s College uniquely in the State and in rare company in the national higher education sector. St. Mary’s College has been highly successful in supporting State-wide goals with one of the highest retention and completion rates among Maryland publics, a commitment to diversity, and in providing financial resources for students with need.

The College continues to evolve as an innovator within the national higher education sector. Our new core curriculum, Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery (LEAD), will provide every student, as part of the core curriculum, with a theme-based integrated learning experience, an internship or research experience, a capstone project, and other experiences that incorporate career preparation into the liberal arts college honors curriculum. Our national standing and successes make us the leader among tuition-requiring public liberal arts institutions. St. Mary’s College has become **The National Public Honors College**.

As always, the College is grateful to the Governor and the Legislature for their ongoing commitment to higher education, in general, and to St. Mary’s College specifically.

**Capital Budget for FY 2021**

The College concurs with the analyst’s recommendations. The table below summarizes the FY21 request.

**SMCM FY21 Capital Budget Request**

	FY21
<b>New Academic Building and Auditorium</b>	
• GO Bonds FY21	\$30.7M
• College Funds	\$ 0.3M
	\$31.0M
• GO Bonds Pre-Authorization FY22	\$18.8M
<b>Campus Infrastructure Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 4.5M</b>

New Academic Building and Auditorium

The project constructs two new academic buildings 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 on campus. A café, funded by the College, is also included.

This project required the relocation of athletic fields to clear the site for the new buildings. 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. The Jamie L. Roberts Stadium was completed in Summer 2019.

An archaeological study of the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium site discovered 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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. A committee was created to determine how best to acknowledge these important findings and recommended that a contemplative memorial to commemorate the lives of the enslaved people of Southern Maryland be erected on the site.

As part of the New Academic Building and Auditorium project, the College was provided State capital funds in the amount of \$0.5M in FY19 for the construction of this memorial. The College selected an artist for the commemorative project after reviewing proposals from 57 artists from around the world. The College incorporated considerable input from both internal and external community constituents in the process to develop the commemorative project and to select the final artist. The Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland will be installed this summer with its dedication scheduled for September 12, 2020.

Recent market conditions have caused significant cost increases for the New Academic Building and Auditorium. The Governor’s FY21 CIP includes an additional \$4.2M over the FY20 CIP to accommodate the increased costs. The Board of Public Works (BPW) approved the award of the construction contract for Bid Package 1 (\$54.0M) on January 8, 2020. Construction of the project is now underway. The College will seek BPW approval to award Bid Package 2 (finish site work, sidewalks, landscaping, paving; AV technology) to complete the project when the additional funds become available.

The total cost for the New Academic Building and Auditorium, inclusive of the stadium and commemoration components, is \$84.2M, with the College providing \$4.4M.

### Campus Infrastructure Improvements

These projects will provide infrastructure improvements in multiple phases, addressing critical building HVAC systems, roof replacements, building envelopes, pedestrian safety, and campus roadways. The Governor's CIP includes \$4.5M in FY21 to include the replacement of the Calvert Hall HVAC systems, components of which are more than 90-years old, and road repairs campus-wide. The Governor's FY22-FY25 CIP includes \$10.0M for additional renewal projects across campus.

### **Outyear Projects Proposed in the FY22 - FY25 Capital Improvement Plan**

#### Goodpaster Hall Renovation

State funding of \$1.7M is included in FY23 for new science laboratories, after the current occupants relocate to the New Academic Building and Auditorium. Non-budgeted funds from the College totaling \$0.2M are scheduled in FY22 for the design of the renovation.

#### Montgomery Hall Renovation

State funding of \$1.5M is included in FY25 to begin design of the Montgomery Hall renovation. The building houses the Departments of Art and Art History, Theater, Film and Media Studies, and English. Relocating the Department of Music to the New Academic Building and Auditorium will allow the complete renovation of Montgomery Hall in phases to improve teaching spaces and to address significant deficiencies in its 40-year old systems.

### **Response to Analysis Question**

***The President should comment as to why there is such a large deficit in teaching laboratory space in 2018 when there was a surplus in 2017.***

The increase in the Fall 2018 Teaching Lab deficit is the result of two factors. First, enrollment in lab sections taught in daytime (as compared to nighttime) increased from 85% in Fall 2017 to 92% in Fall 2018. Second, lab enrollments in Fall 2018 were 30% of the total enrollment, up from 27% of total enrollment in Fall 2017. These two factors resulted in an increase of laboratory weekly student contacts hours in Fall 2018. This shift towards more laboratory contact hours during the day increased the demand for lab teaching space overall by 13%.

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