

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Meeting of September 23, 2010**

ITEM: Fleming Hall
Renovation & Addition Update

ADMINISTRATIVE AREA: Administrative Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Item

PRESENTER: Dr. Cassandra B. Whyte
Vice President for Administrative Services

Mr. Jody S. Driggs, AIA
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BACKGROUND

West Virginia State University will receive one of the highest funding amounts among higher education institutions in the state for the long awaited Fleming Hall Renovation & Addition. The \$15,000,000 amount will provide more academic space and is possible via the Education, Arts, Sciences, and Tourism (East Bond) funding for state building projects.

The project funding was approved by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission, the Legislature and the Governor. Of course, the need to improve Fleming Hall is part of BOG approved WVSU Campus Master Plan.

The upgrading of 35,026 square feet of existing space at Fleming Hall and addition of approximately 36,000 more square feet adjacent to the structure will greatly expand academic space. This, in effect, results in doubling of the current available academic programming area at Fleming Hall to approximately 70,026 square feet.

All four colleges will have access to the Fleming Hall space. The educational complex will be a state-of-the art facility to be utilized by students, faculty, and

staff. Primary usage will be by the Health Human Performance & Leisure Studies Department of the College of Professional Studies and the renewed classroom space will be available at various times for scheduling classes and demonstrations or performances by the other three colleges of the University. Student Affairs will also plan events requiring arena size space. The versatile addition will be available for use with competitions and performances to include gymnastics, basketball, and potentially dance performances. It is thought that the versatile new addition to the complex will also accommodate a variety of functions to include graduation, potential concerts and possibly some College of Fine Arts & Humanities performances, as well as other activities with large audiences.

Silling Associates Inc. is the architectural firm working with the planning for this project. Mr. Jody Driggs is the main architect assigned to working with the University faculty, students, and staff. President Carter has named a Fleming Hall Renovation & Addition Planning Committee to guide the project along.

The technologically equipped modern facilities will be designed to be versatile in usage while still preserving certain historic aspects of the original architecture of our second Fleming Hall that was constructed over 70 years ago.