

Board Meeting  
January 15, 2015

ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT FOR SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY  
CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING AND INSTRUCTION, BURRILL HALL,  
URBANA

**Action:** Approve Project for School of Molecular and Cellular Biology Center for Undergraduate Advising and Instruction, Burrill Hall

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget

The School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, after relocating from the Natural History Building, was faced with maintaining high quality instructional programs in spaces that were scattered and not well-suited to fulfill mission objectives. In order to address this condition, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology would like to repurpose space vacated by the Library in Burrill Hall to accommodate academic developments. With critical input from Molecular and Cellular Biology instructional professionals during a recent feasibility study, a preliminary framework was prepared to clarify project programmatic goals and anticipated construction costs. The School is now ready to proceed with a construction project to realize the benefits of this space.

The \$5.76 million proposed remodeling project will provide approximately 16,700 gross square feet of renovated area and will have a major impact toward their goals, yielding important improvements in biosciences education at the University. Anticipated benefits

include centralized advisement and career services assistance, expanded instructional space to meet current academic teaching models, and modernized computer classrooms and discussion rooms designed for collaborative learning. Additional emergency egress will be incorporated, as well as accessibility in compliance with Americans with Disability Act to all levels within the project area, and provisions for personal security of students and staff.

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Vice President, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Burrill Hall, Molecular and Cellular Biology Center for Undergraduate Advising and Instruction Project be approved with a budget of \$5.76 million.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana-Champaign campus.

The President of the University concurs.