

TO: Robert Donley
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RE: Flood of 2008 – Status
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This is the final periodic flood status report. In the future, reports will be submitted on an as-needed basis or to inform the Board of significant developments. Oral reports will continue to be provided at meetings of the Board.

Facilities Overview

The University of Iowa has returned to service over 1.5 million square feet or 62% of the total space removed from service because of flooding. While this percentage might suggest the University is well down the road toward recovery, the most difficult flood recovery decisions, those with the greatest programmatic and financial impact, are yet to be made. Decisions about the recovery of UI Arts Campus programs and flood mitigation on both sides of the Iowa River will be challenging. Decisions will be made collaboratively relying on the efforts of the internal University flood mitigation task force as well as the recommendations of external consultants and FEMA. It is also important to note that many of the buildings that the University has brought back on line since the flood will require additional, and in certain circumstances substantial flood mitigation work. This would include the Main Power Plant and steam distribution system.

Arts Campus

A contract has been awarded to McComas-Lacina Construction Company of Iowa City to provide modular educational and practice buildings on the Arts Campus for utilization by the School of Music during the Spring 2009 semester. While leased space and space donated by local schools provided some relief for the Fall 2008 semester, it became clear the space was not sufficient nor did it provide the acoustical quality needed. Additionally, the University is developing a proposal for longer term, but nonetheless temporary cluster of buildings to accommodate activities of the School of Music. These facilities would be designed for intermediate term use (3 to 5 years) while a permanent resolution of space issues is completed. Both Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA staff are being consulted in the process.

The project to renovate/recover the north section of the Museum of Art has been completed. The School of Music will be moving into this space during the Thanksgiving break.

FEMA Funds

The University has received the first check from FEMA in support of flood recovery efforts. The check in the amount of \$2,716,268 was received this past week. Officials indicate additional funding will soon be forthcoming. The actual cash flows from FEMA are critical to ongoing recovery and to the University's cash flow support for the recovery. We have met with FEMA officials on this point and will brief the Board in December on our expectations and consequences of variable cash flows.

Energy and Utilities

The solid fuel boilers at the Main Power Plant are in use regularly and have performed as expected. Likewise, the repaired and supplemented steam distribution system is performing as expected. As each day goes by the confidence in utility system reliability is growing, but the Utility staff is remaining very vigilant as we enter the coldest portion of winter. The emergency rental boiler located this summer near Burge Hall has been relocated to the west campus where it and another rental boiler will be housed this winter to serve any emergencies on the west campus – especially for UIHC.

The attachment has been updated except for the report on FEMA project worksheets. The update on project worksheets will be completed before the December Board meeting.

Please let me know if you or Board members have questions.

Attachment

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