Facilities Large Requisition

Student Center Air Handlers

**Issue**

Air Handlers 3 and 4 of the Sorenson Student Center need to be replaced.

**Background**

The Sorenson Student Center is comprised of the original building dated 1979 and two additions, the final addition was completed in the Fall of 2001. The original mechanical systems located in a sub-basement of the kitchen, are now 37 years old. They have reached their serviceable mechanical life and are in need of replacement. Newer more efficient equipment is now available that will save energy and provide greater comfort for the occupants of the building. Because the Student Center is an auxiliary service they are not provided Capital Improvement dollars to pay for normal replacement of large systems. Infrastructure improvements and replacements must be paid for through their funding reserves.

**Recommendation**

UVU Facilities contracted with WHW Engineers to perform an evaluation of these Air Handlers. WHW has recommended that we replace these two units and replace them with new Air Handlers and Variable Air Valve boxes. The control system will also be upgraded from the original pneumatic to modern electronic Building Management System software. The floor of the mechanical room will be coated with an epoxy system to help reduce dust and increase safety and cleanliness.

We recommend that this requisition in the amount $520,950 be approved.

This project will be jointly managed by UVU and the DFCM.
Request for Approval of Requisition
For Payment of Worker’s Compensation Insurance

Issue:
UVU Policy 204 Appropriateness of Expenditures, 5.5.1.5 states, “The President shall obtain Board of Trustees’ approval for all requisitions for $500,000 and above.” The size of this requisition requires Board of Trustees approval.

Request:
2016-17 estimated payment of $600,000 for state-mandated Worker’s Compensation Insurance for UVU employees and qualified students.

Background:
With few exceptions, workers’ compensation insurance is required for all businesses operating in the state of Utah. Full-time and part-time employees require coverage, as well as students who are enrolled and receiving credit for an off-campus, approved internship or clinical, working in coordination with a cooperating employer in their field of study.

The 2016-17 estimate is based on the Workers Compensation risk categories, the rate percentage per $100 of annual payroll, and actual 2015-16 rates.

Recommendation:
Utah Valley University administration recommends approval by the Board of Trustees for the requisition to pay Worker’s Compensation Insurance.