Summary

This matter seeks project and budget approval for renovations for the lower level of Trueblood Hall. The estimated cost for this project is $1,800,000.

Rationale for Adoption

Trueblood Hall was constructed in 1965. The first floor of the building serves as a dining hall and kitchen for students who reside on East Campus. The lower level of the building currently contains support facilities for University Housing. Space in the lower level has been identified as a suitable site for the relocation of the SIU Department of Public Safety. The supporting services currently housed in the lower level of Trueblood will be relocated to Grinnell Hall.

The SIU Department of Public Safety is currently located in buildings A1, A2, B, and C at Washington Square. Washington Square was originally built as a privately owned apartment complex then was later acquired by the University. The buildings are wood frame construction with brick veneer and were built with low cost construction. They are typically subdivided into small dorm style rooms. The current condition of the facility is poor.

This project will focus on the renovation of the lower level of Trueblood Hall to meet the needs of the Department of Public Safety. The design will be accomplished with in-house resources and the work will be completed with in-house labor and through the external bid process. This project will be funded from University Plant Funds.

Trueblood Hall is debt financed and included the Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System. University Housing will collect rent for the space occupied by the Department of Public Safety.

The Chancellor, SIUC, and the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance recommended this item to the President.

Considerations Against Adoption

University officials are aware of none.
Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, That:

(1) Project and budget approval for the renovation of Trueblood Hall, Carbondale Campus, SIUC, at an estimated cost of $1,800,000 be and is hereby approved.

(2) The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and services required to complete this project.

(3) Funding for this work will come from University Plant Funds.

(4) The President of Southern Illinois University be and is hereby authorized to take whatever action may be required in the execution of this resolution in accordance with established policies and procedures.