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Rep. Billings Votes to Move UW-La Crosse Maintenance Projects Forward

Wisconsin State Building Commission approves funding for La Crosse Maintenance Projects

MADISON, Wis. – Today, the Wisconsin State Building Commission approved funding for two UW-La Crosse projects. Jill Billings (D-La Crosse), Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the State Building Commission, voted in favor of approving the funds.

The projects approved include a roof replacement for the Recreational Eagle & Wing Technology Centers and replacing the Roger Harring Stadium Elevator, with both projects totaling just over \$2.1 million.

"Construction on campus, means an uptick in jobs and our local economy," said Rep. Jill Billings. "I'm glad to have the opportunity to support these local projects which improve the UW-La Crosse campus."

The flat roofs on the Recreational Eagle Center and the Wing Technology have exceeded their useful life and will be replaced with this funding. This will include replacing building sealants, flashings, and installing new safety railings to improve safety for those who need to access the roofs in the future. The stadium elevator was poorly designed and has resulted in slow speeds, a number of breakdowns, and a lack of reliability of the elevator. The elevator replacement will improve the operation of the elevator and increase its reliability, especially in cold weather.

"I always appreciate the opportunity to support building and maintenance projects on the UW-La Crosse campus," continued Rep. Billings. "By updating and maintain the existing buildings on campus, we will ensure that students, faculty, and staff will continue to have a safe and functional place to work and learn into the future."

A full description of the project can be found on pages 48-51of <u>the State Building Commission</u> <u>agenda</u>.

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