



Repairs Top Ohio Colleges' Capital Budget Request

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By Julie Carr Smyth

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Ohio higher education leaders, instructed by Republican Gov. John Kasich to cooperate with each other when requesting state dollars, identified maintenance and repairs as far higher priorities than new construction in a 2014 capital funding request released Thursday.

Kasich praised a coalition led by presidents of Ohio public colleges and universities for identifying unique, innovative priorities through shared effort rather than competing for limited state resources.

"You know (in college) you have those slices of pizza sitting on the table there, and I remember back in the days when I was in college, you just grab as many slices of pizza as you can," Kasich said during a conference call detailing the higher education group's funding outline. "That was inappropriate, and these college presidents are acting so fantastic from the standpoint of what's good for the state is good for us."

Ohio University President Roderick McDavis, who chaired this year's Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission, noted that \$166.8 million of the \$404.5 million requested will be for unglamorous but important maintenance projects across the state, mostly refurbishing and upgrading existing buildings.

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Ohio State wish list: \$52.8 million for data analytics program

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By Joe Vardon

The Ohio State University would get \$52.8 million from the state to transform Pomerene and Oxley halls into "state-of-the-art facilities" for the school's new data analytics program, if a laundry list of funding projects crafted by the state's college and university presidents is approved by lawmakers.

The state would fund \$404.5 million in capital projects for higher-education over the next two years, up from \$350 million over the past two, under recommendations made by a group led by Ohio University's Roderick McDavis and Southern State Community College President Kevin Boys.

This is the second projects list created by committee among college presidents at the behest of Gov. John Kasich, breaking from past practice of each institution submitting its own funding requests.

“They have moved forward here again,” Kasich said on a conference call this morning announcing the recommendations.

Kasich’s budget director Tim Keen said the governor was likely to embrace the projects list and include it in his proposed capital budget, to be delivered to the legislature next month. The budget, which will include community building projects, would cover the 2015 and ’16 state fiscal years.

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Ohio's public universities agree to divide capital funds

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By Cliff Peale

The University of Cincinnati should get \$28.8 million for the continued renovation of the Medical Sciences Building, and Miami University will get \$21 million for the renovation of classrooms in Shideler Hall, the biggest local capital projects recommended this year to Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Unveiled Thursday morning, the recommendations were created by university presidents and endorsed by Kasich and legislative leaders, so they are likely to largely survive scrutiny by the General Assembly. This is the second capital budget created this way.

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