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Campus Progress Report No. 145 - Rehabilitation of Sayles and Pierce Halls

Reference is made to previous Progress Report No. 144 (1 April 1969) wherein it was reported that the lowest bidder for the rehabilitation of Sayles and Pierce Halls was far above the fund which had been allocated for the job. Conferences have been held involving Central Office, the Construction Fund, architect and this University, to determine the best course of action under these circumstances.

As a result of this review, it has been decided that the University's best interest can be accomplished if this project is cancelled as a Construction Fund project, the funds transferred to the State University Rehabilitation Program, and subsequently allocated to this University for the task to be accomplished by segments and under our supervision, and at our convenience. In accomplishing the task this way, the work which has already been done by the architect and his consultants will be useful so that this effort has not been wasted.

At least one more session with the Central Office (Mr. Stanley Brunell, Rehabilitation) will be necessary before all these details can be worked out, but it seems clear at this point that some of the more important segments of the task can still be accomplished this summer, on the same schedule that we have contemplated for some time. First attention will be given to safety considerations, upgrading of lighting and rendering the building weather-proof on the exterior.

After the disappointment of the high bids that were received two weeks ago, it is encouraging to find this way of proceeding so that this task, which has been long contemplated, can finally be implemented.

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