University Proposes Renovations To Campus

Sixteen projects were requested by USL for funding approval for the 1989-90 school year, yet only four were approved. One of the projects has been assured of receiving state funding, another is on a waiting list, and two are being financed through self-generated funds.

The plans for the projects were stated in the Faculty Forum, a newsletter distributed among faculty and staff.

The state is funding a $1.5 million project to construct and install system loops in three areas of campus: one system linking the buildings south of St. Mary Boulevard, a second linking the buildings in the quadrangle, and the third linking the Student Union and other proximal buildings.

This project will facilitate the effectiveness of the air conditioning systems within these buildings, as back-up service will be provided through the loop system if an air conditioner would malfunction. This state-funded project will also include a computerized energy-monitoring system which is projected to save the university a sum amount of money somewhere near the initial cost of the project. The project will begin in early 1990 and should take approximately 18 months to complete.

The Priority 4 project incorporates renovations to two buildings at the New Iberia Research Center. This proposal, divided by two funding levels, requests two million dollars at the Priority 4 level and another $3.4 million in Priority 5.

The present fiscal condition of the state has placed this proposal on hold.

USL’s third capital outlay project is a plan to construct a natural gas distribution system on the campus, but because of an university agreement with Trans LA, the request for state funding has been canceled.

The fourth project for USL involves the purchase of the property on Johnston Street where Eckerd Drugs was previously located. USL has received approval by the state to spend $250,000 on the purchase of the property. Plans for the site include the establishment of offices, probably for the Small Business Incubation Center.

USL has several smaller projects planned for the 1989-1990 fiscal year. Some of these capital outlays include:

- Resurfacing and installing lights at the athletic track- $100,000 of which the City of Lafayette is principally funding.
- Renovationsto Martin Hall’s third floor to include an office for the Vice President of Research-$50,000.
- Air conditioner chiller and cooling tower replacement in Griffin Hall-$140,000, with $100,000 provided by the State Office of Risk Management and $40,000 from the manufacturer of the chiller.
- Shower renovations to Denbo Residence Hall-$50,000 to $75,000 if funds are available.
- Office space renovations to the former Eckerd Drugs-$50,000 to $75,000, pending acquisition of the property.