



Legislation Text

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Item:

MOU for Community Use of Renovated WG Pearson Building (20mins)

Date of BOCC Meeting: June 11, 2018

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to ask any questions they wish about the proposed MOU but ultimately to approve it and authorize the manager to execute any necessary documents for this MOU to be legally appended to the Public Private Partnership agreement for renovation and use of the old WG Pearson building.

The Board of County Commissioners contributed \$4.25 million towards the nearly \$11 million purchase and renovation costs for the old WG Pearson building to receive new life as the headquarters of Student U. Part of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement stipulated that an MOU describing public / community use of certain parts of the building at certain times. Student U has provided periodic updates on their community engagement process and the progression of their own thinking on this question. The proposed MOU represents the culmination of that thinking and is proposed as a legal addendum to the PPP.

Student U agrees through this MOU to provide regular updates on their program metrics as well as community use of this facility. They hope to make their first presentation to the County about the impact and utilization of the building in the fall of 2019, about a year after the renovated building is in full operation.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Strong support services for Durham students are strongly aligned with Goal 1, but also support and are supported by objectives in multiple other goal areas of the County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Alexandra Zagbayou, Executive Director of Student U; Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board ask any questions they wish about the proposed MOU but ultimately to approve it and authorize the manager to execute any necessary documents for this MOU to be legally appended to the Public Private Partnership agreement for renovation and use of the old WG Pearson building.

County Manager: _____