

## **2. Amend FY 2018 Capital Improvement Plan and Accept Program Statement for Hale Library First Floor Renovation – KSU**

Kansas State University requests authorization to amend the FY 2018 capital improvement project plan and Board acceptance of the program statement for the Hale Library first floor renovation. Hale Library is the central building for K-State Libraries. It accommodates collection storage and preservation, computer labs, offices and public areas for use by the campus community. Library faculty and staff provide critical research assistance and materials to students, faculty and staff. Nearly 30,000 individuals visit the libraries every week when classes are in session. In 2014, an off-campus building was repurposed to create the Library Annex. The 20,000 square foot climate-controlled space can hold an estimated 1.1 million volumes. K-State Libraries uses the annex to store low-use items, which has freed up valuable space on the first floor of Hale Library to support changing student study habits and needs.

The 29,000 square foot renovation will create an updated, more accessible first floor that provides students critical access to technology and group study areas, which Hale Library currently lacks. K-State is the only university in the Big 12 and among our 2025 peer institutions that does not have rooms in our main library for students to reserve for group study or presentations. The renovation will create at least 15 group study rooms and double the library's current classroom space. Dedicated space for The Center for the Advancement of Digital Scholarship and flexible satellite outreach spaces for campus partners will be created to provide convenient access for students. As part of the renovation, the Sunflower entrance to the library will be reconfigured to open directly to the first floor. The current design, which requires visitors to climb a flight of stairs or take an elevator to the second floor before they are able to access the first floor, is reflective of an era of collection-intensive institutions that required security through personnel or limited access. The café will be relocated to the first floor and a flexible event space will be created for interactive events and programming. The total project cost is estimated at \$5.7 million, which will be funded from private gifts.