

FUNDING RENOVATION

ACADEMIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE FUND ASSESSMENT TURNS TEN

“Ten years ago, most of the buildings on campus needed a lot of work,” says Facilities & Services Assistant Director of Deferred Maintenance and Classroom Programs Doris Reeser. “We still have work to do, but we’ve been able to fund \$332.8M of renovations through deferred maintenance funding sources, including \$195M in student contributions to the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) program.”

Starting with the incoming freshmen class of 2007, campus assessed students a fee to address the backlog of building repairs and maintenance. Today, this fee generates about \$20M annually.

Over the last decade, AFMFA funds were used to install sprinkler systems; modernize labs and classrooms; add and improve restrooms; upgrade electrical and plumbing systems; overhaul heating, ventilation, and cooling systems and controls; replace building roofs and windows, and upgrade exteriors, in more than 40 campus buildings.

An eight-member oversight committee determines which projects receive AFMFA funding. The committee is made up of four administrators and four students. The administrators represent F&S, Students Affairs, and the Offices of the Vice Chancellor for Research, and the Provost. The student members include the Student Body President, the Student Trustee, and at-large members.

The committee evaluates project proposals every two years using eight criteria. These include whether a project is in a high use building or

has high visibility on campus. Projects that support emerging teaching and learning methods, or compliment programming also receive strong consideration.

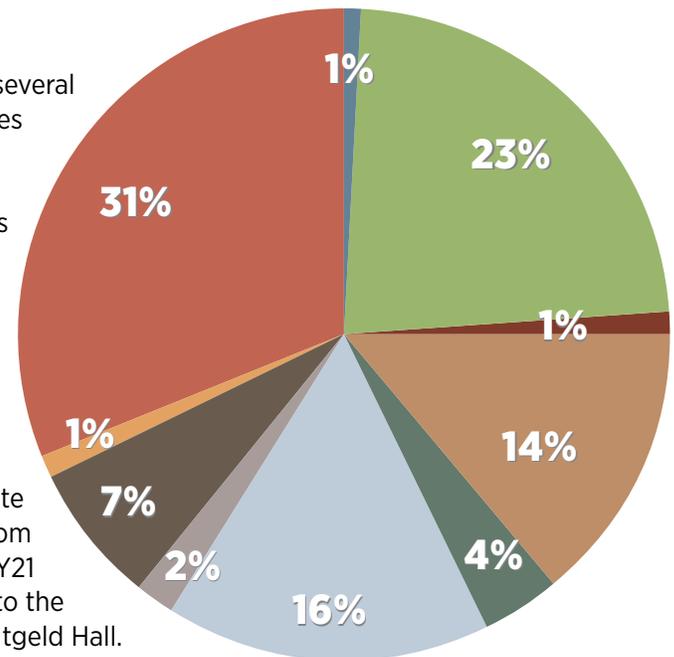
Other criteria include, economies of scale, such as similar repairs or upgrades across several buildings; as well as conserving energy or reducing high operations and maintenance costs. Projects which address life safety deficiencies also receive high priority.

The committee meets several times and tours facilities first-hand. Committee members also seek input from peers, focus groups, and campus surveys in making their selections, explains Reeser.

In addition to the FY18-FY19 project selections, the committee also allocated \$27M from the upcoming FY20-FY21 AFMFA funding cycle to the future renovation of Altgeld Hall.

This funding is contingent on campus securing the remaining funds from alumni fundraising and other sources prior to 2020.

For a complete list of FY18-FY19 AFMFA Projects visit go.fs.illinois.edu/afmfa



AFMFA Projects Funded to Date by Category

- Heating, Ventilation, Cooling (HVAC)
- Electric
- Life Safety (fire) and Americans with Disabilities Act
- Elevators
- Comprehensive and Multi-Disciplinary Projects
- Labs and Interiors
- Building Envelopes
- Classroom
- Energy
- Plumbing