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BRIEF

UW-Fox communication arts building approved

The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley will be able to move ahead with plans to build a new communication arts and theatre building.

The Winnebago County Board approved, 35-2, Tuesday \$5.3 million of the more than \$12 million total projected costs for the new building on the two-year campus in Menasha. Supervisors Mike Norton and Patrick Brennand voted against the project.

"This is our facility," said supervisor Bernard Egan. "We are partners. We should get on this right now."

The theatre construction

had been proposed in the late 1990s and delayed several times.

More than 30 supporters for the theatre project filled the public gallery at the meeting and applauded when the board approved the construction.

The \$5.3 million from Winnebago County was necessary for the project to begin. Outagamie County also approved its \$5.3 million share of the project and the state of Wisconsin has committed just over \$1.3 million for moveable equipment like desks and chairs.

The UW-Fox Foundation will now begin a capital campaign to raise the last \$2 million needed for the project.