

TECH CENTER

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Kalin to wrap up its work by the end of June. The board will then award the general contracting bid, which is the third and final piece of the project, she said.

“We’ll come to the June board meeting with that package, and that’s when you’ll understand the full scope,” she said.

LMC is building the center to place all its manufacturing technology programs in one place at its main campus along Napier

Avenue in Benton Township.

The board began the process in December by closing the M-TEC in Benton Harbor, where most of the programs were previously housed, and selling the building to Whirlpool Corp.

The estimated cost is \$9.6 million, which will come out of the general fund and a capital campaign that’s underway.

The new center is going in on the northeast side, on an apple orchard that’s between the main campus building and Western Michigan Uni-

versity’s building. The site covers about 40,000 square feet.

In other business, Clinton Gabbard, vice president of student services, reported that activity at LMC’s student housing complex, Beckwith Hall, isn’t slowing down as its summer session begins.

This week, 33 interns moved into Beckwith as part of a partnership agreement with Whirlpool Corp. In July, the First Tee organization will bring 35 young people that it’s sponsoring for a week-long camp, Gabbard said.

“These are two great

ways to reach out to the community, to use our rooms when they are empty. We’ll still have around 20 students who will be here throughout the summer, but it’s great to see them used for other things,” he said.

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