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To: Gerald Miller
Chair, Site Selection Processes Committee

From: Elise Miller-Hooks 
Chair, University Senate

Subject: Report of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Site Selection
Processes (Senate Document#: 09-10-34)

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) met on April 6, 2010 to discuss your report entitled, "Report of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Site Selection Processes (Senate Document#: 09-10-34)". We appreciate the committee's careful review of the issue. It is clear that the committee has put forth a tremendous effort to ensure that all elements of the charge were addressed in a timely manner.

The SEC invited Dr. Ann Wylie, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, to its meeting to provide insight into whether there would be any challenges in implementing the committee's recommendations. Dr. Wylie explained that recommendation (#2) in the committee's report to expand the role of the Architecture Standards Design Board (ADSB) to include site review does not align well with the group's primary charge. This group focuses on the aesthetics of campus buildings, which occurs well after the site selection process is complete. Therefore, Dr. Wylie proposed an amendment (attached) that would make site review the focus of a separate committee.

The SEC feels that it is important to consider implementation in the committee's report. Therefore, we ask that the committee carefully review Dr. Wylie's amendment and report on whether or not it is acceptable. The SEC plans to hold an additional meeting next week, prior to the release of the Senate materials on April 15, 2010, to make a final determination on whether your report is ready to go to the Senate floor. We ask that you report back to us by April 12, 2010.