

October 29, 2004

SENATE CHAIR ALISON GALLOWAY

Re: Long-Range Development Plan 2005-2020

Dear Alison,

CEP reviewed the draft Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) 2005-2020 at its meeting of October 27, 2004.

CEP approves of the plan, in large part due to its prior involvement with the Strategic Futures Committee and LRDP process, but has one specific academic concern.

Our campus, at its present size of 15,000, severely needs one or two classrooms with a capacity of 600 or more students. These classrooms will enable certain courses to accommodate several times as many students without compromising educational quality. This in turn will increase the quality of other parts of our curriculum, both by making more effective use of faculty time and by not having students overflow into other courses.

CEP requests that several 600 or more student classrooms, for both our immediate and future needs, be formally sited during the LRDP process, and that the first such unit be a construction priority. CEP notes that during the process of building development, classroom capacity is frequently "value engineered" down. This is a serious concern that must be guarded against.

Sincerely,

Richard Hughey, Chair
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