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RE: Appointment of the Project Advisory Committee for the Orchard Park Redevelopment Project—Fall 2018 Update

Dear Colleagues:

In April 2016, I appointed a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to oversee the planning for the Orchard Park Redevelopment project. Built in 1964, Orchard Park served as apartment-style housing for students with families until 2015 when the facility was closed to prepare for redevelopment. Following the

recommendation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment Status Report issued March 2, 2016, the PAC has worked diligently to pursue the redevelopment of the now-demolished Orchard Park.

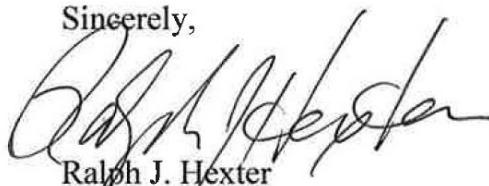
As directed, the PAC explored options to proceed with the redevelopment project in partnership with a third-party developer, recognizing the University's commitment to affordability and quality of life, and student engagement. This included a Request for Proposals process that yielded a developer-partner for the Orchard Park project as well as the construction of additional apartment-style student housing in West Village.

Throughout 2018, the campus has been actively engaged with the developer, University Student Living, planning these projects. Based on feedback from the University Office of the President, the West Village and Orchard park projects will proceed independently. The West Village project was approved by the Regents in July 2018. With the West Village project moving full speed ahead, the campus continues to plan for the Orchard Park project. At this time, I am updating the appointment to this PAC to ensure that the appropriate student leaders and administrators are engaged throughout the process and to guarantee that there is a coordinated plan for communication to the broader campus community. I expect that this group will continue to keep the guiding principles at the forefront throughout this process.

Interim Vice Chancellor Emily Galindo and Interim Vice Provost Jean-Pierre Delplanque will co-chair the committee and Executive Director Grant Rockwell from Real Estate Services with Campus Architect Jim Carroll from will facilitate the process for proceeding with the project. Appropriate consultation with graduate students will continue to be part of the project planning consistent with the leadership-endorsed recommendations of the Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee. I also ask the PAC to consult with the broader campus community and other campus units to ensure proper coordination throughout the planning process.

The redevelopment of Orchard Park to provide quality and affordable housing options for our students with families remains important to the campus. I am certain the PAC will be committed to creative problem-solving and strategies that demonstrate the wise use of campus resources to achieve a significant unmet need. I thank those who have already committed significant time to this process and, recognizing the effort that will be necessary going forward, I appreciate your commitment to the success of this project.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chancellor May
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