On June 11, 2007, a Project Initiation Request (PIR) to review a new Nanomaterials Technology Building came before the Academic Planning Committee (APC) during its summer recess. As stated in the PIR, the intent of this building is “to build upon the success the University has made in the areas of nanoscience and materials research and to refocus our energies towards becoming a national center for research and education in nanoscience, nanotechnology and nanomaterials research.” The location is proposed on the north end of the new Physical Sciences replacement building, which is located on a recreation field located on the west side of 16th Street between Vine and W Streets.

The PIR subcommittee reviewed the proposal, forwarded comments to the originating department and Facilities Management and Planning and received a revised version. This revised version was approved by the subcommittee and forwarded electronically to APC members for full committee review and vote.

The main concerns raised by members included the following:

- Concern that the continuing construction of new facilities does not address the large disparity and difficulties currently in present infrastructure for established programs.
- No or minimal impact on the undergraduate student body.
- Burden on students with the lack of the relocation of recreational fields for project.

On June 29, 2007, the PIR was approved. The electronic votes were as follows:

*Mary Bolin – Yes  *Craig Eckhardt – No
*Jeffrey Keown – Yes  David Solheim – No
*M. Susan Hallbeck – Yes  Steve Waller – No
*F. E. Harvey – Yes
William Nunez – Yes

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Respectfully submitted,

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