

October 5, 2009

John Bender, Chair
Academic Planning Committee
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Dear John:

I have received your letter of September 23rd regarding the Committee's action on my recommendations for budget cuts in academic programs. I very much appreciate the Committee's careful attention to these proposals and to the time I know you must have invested in this process. It is a very positive and visible example of shared governance at work.

I will proceed to implement the proposals that you approved. I also fully understand the Committee's concerns with regard to the cuts in Arts and Sciences and Engineering which you have largely postponed subject to further work by the Colleges. It certainly was my intent that the APC would review separately any reorganization of academic programs or any proposals from Arts and Sciences to fulfill their obligation to make strategic budget cuts.

As I understand the Committee's actions, the budgets of the two colleges would be reduced on a temporary basis in the amounts proposed, reserving until later how these reductions will be permanently implemented. Thus there would be no need for me to propose additional cuts to meet the campus overall target.

I accept the Committee's actions in this regard. Indeed, I think the Committee's processes highlighted some appropriate issues with these proposals that should and will be taken into account as we proceed.

Again, thank you for your efforts and your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



Harvey Perlman
Chancellor