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Dear Provosts Moore and Nairn,

Thank you for your memo dated September 2, 2011 outlining suggestions regarding moving expeditiously “to well-defined independent Denver and Boulder programs” in architecture and environmental design. While these are complex issues, we are certain that you can advance the process with the kind of sensitivity necessary to minimize faculty, staff, and student concerns on the two campuses.

We accept wholeheartedly the specific and more general points that you raised.

There is no doubt that a measured, but speedy process to move administrative control of the BEnvd to the Boulder Provost Office not only will prove administratively more efficient, but settling for students, faculty, and staff.

We request that you develop with the Transition Committee, and others as necessary, MOUs to carefully outline (1) campus roles in terms of financial obligations, (2) details of Boulder campus administrative control of the BEnvd program, and (3) critical aspects of faculty and staff assignments, including any tenure/tenure track faculty relocations, if necessary.

We agree with the necessity for the Boulder campus to develop its environmental design-oriented undergraduate and graduate programs drawing from the unique strengths that Boulder currently has, and carefully distinguishing them from Denver’s strengths.

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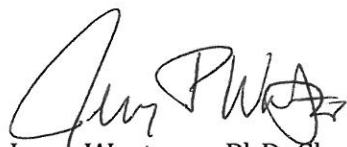
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Similarly, we agree that it is necessary for the Denver campus to develop an undergraduate pre-architecture degree that draws on its local strengths.

Those things having been iterated, we believe that you both should have wide latitude to act, recognizing that you are showing sensitivity to both Boulder and Denver needs. There are aspects of the move to independence that have caused anxiety in both Boulder and Denver. We recommend that efforts to reduce these be made as quickly as you can by various measures that could include joint town meetings and definitive joint written communications clearly indicating both the routes to be taken toward program independence and the approximate time of the journey.

We believe the development of separate new programs in architecture and design is in good hands and expect that your continued diligence can produce a detailed framework leading to a detailed plan by March 15, 2012 including a budget showing that independence of the Denver and Boulder programs will ultimately be revenue neutral.

Sincerely,



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