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MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Michael Fitzgerald
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Alexander Gonzalez
President

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Actions – Meetings of March 15 and April 12, 2007

I am responding to your memorandum regarding the Faculty Senate actions of March 15 and April 12, 2007 that I did not address in my previous memo to you.

Regarding FS 07-20/Flr., I accept the nominations of Professors Buckley and Sobredo to serve as Senate representatives to the University Budget Advisory Committee. I do not accept the nomination of Professor Farrand. While I do not question his integrity, I do not have confidence, given the public position that he has taken regarding the funding of Academic Affairs relative to that of other units of the University, that he will be perceived as fully objective by members of those units in weighing the merits of budget proposals that must address the full spectrum of the University needs.

I approve the establishment of a University Budget Advisory Committee and the charge as stated in FS 07-27/Flr. With two exceptions, I also approve the items regarding the University Budget Advisory Committee's composition. First, I do not approve the recommendation that the faculty member recommended by the Strategic Planning Council (elected to SPC by the Faculty Senate) be "recommended by the Senate." While the Senate is welcome to comment on and to endorse (or oppose) SPC's recommendation, the fact remains that the recommendation is made by and to represent the full SPC membership. As such the recommendation must come directly to me.

Second, I do not approve the recommendation that the Department Chair nominated by and from the chairs to the provost be "recommended by the Senate." While the Senate is welcome to comment on and to endorse (or oppose) the provost's recommendation to me in this regard, the provost's recommendation, via nomination from and consultation with the chairs, represents his or her appropriate input to me and will be made directly to me.

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Still regarding FS 07-27/Flr., I wish also to clarify that, should the representative of SPC or that of the chairs withdraw from the University Budget Advisory Committee before completion of a full term, she or he will be replaced immediately on the committee by a new representative recommended by SPC or the chairs and provost through the normal process.

AG/ch

- c. Provost/Vice President Joseph Sheley
Vice President David Wagner