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Letter from Chancellor Cole Establishing the Environmental Advisory Performance Committee (EPAC)

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RE: Environmental Performance Advisory Committee (EPAC)

The University recognizes that the fulfillment of its mission has a far reaching impact on the environment, including climate change. To insure that our campus is doing everything feasible to reduce its environmental footprint and become a more environmentally-responsible institution, I am establishing an Environmental Performance Advisory Committee (EPAC) and charging it with the following tasks:

- Assess and recommend ways to reduce environmental impacts of the campus in a manner which incorporates sound business practices;
- Enhance the campus' ability to gather, track, and analyze environmental performance data and related information and develop report documents;
- Develop and recommend a 5 to 10 year plan to reduce the campus' carbon footprint based upon current benchmarks;
- Devise and recommend a comprehensive and common-sense way to foster environmental stewardship across the entire organization among and within campus departments, both operational and academic; and
- Advise the Chancellor's Executive Board on all matters related to campus environmental performance including adjustments to operating policies and/or practices.

In addition to you, I have appointed the following people to membership on EPAC:

Steve Goodwin, Dean of Natural Resources & Environment
Jim Cahill, Director of Facilities & Campus Planning
Al Byam, Director of Transit Services
Brian Fitzpatrick, Manager of EH&S Environmental Management Services
Susanne Hale, Student Representative
Josh Stoffel, President of Students for Environmental Awareness and Action
Faculty members to be determined

I have appointed Craig Ruberti, EH&S Manager as the facilitator for this effort. I anticipate the kick-off meeting to be scheduled in early February and you will be contacted shortly to check your availability.

I want to thank you for your commitment to this very important effort.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
Chancellor

cc: Joyce Hatch
Craig Ruberti