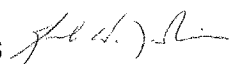


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April 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Kemel W. Dawkins 
Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
Horticulture Gardens - Construct Welcome Center

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Horticulture Gardens - Construct Welcome Center.



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BACKGROUND

Program Need:

The Horticulture Gardens are educational spaces that support and integrate teaching, research, and service relative to the needs of the Department of Horticulture. The gardens comprise a total of 14 acres including the Clarence E. Lewis Landscape Arboretum, DeLapa Perennial Garden, Carter Annual Gardens, Franks Nursery and Crafts Rose Garden, and the 4-H Children's Garden. A welcome center would be a focal point to help greet and inform guests and advance the integration of learning and research.

As one of the top university horticulture gardens in the country, the diverse gardens are a retreat and resource for educators, plant lovers, and children of all ages. The welcome center is envisioned to be a multifunctional learning and event space providing opportunities for patrons to explore and enjoy the offerings of a garden setting. Classroom space would allow for meetings, seminars, and instruction on various subjects such as the Garden Day and Curious Gardner, and serve as set-up and changing space for events.

General Description of the Project:

The planning of this project is anticipated to construct the Welcome Center as an addition of approximately 5,200 gross square feet to the Plant & Soil Science building. The center would include a multi-function/event space, classroom, prep kitchen, and restrooms; parking may also be affected with no loss expected.

The Horticulture Gardens and Plant & Soil Science building are located on the east side of Bogue Street between Wilson Road and Service Road in the service district. The project location is consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

Based on an assessment of the factors stated in the Project Planning and Approval process concerning Project Labor Agreements (PLA), the Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

Communication Plan:

During the planning phase, the campus community will be given opportunities to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during the design phase.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on cost experience for similar projects and current pricing the preliminary project cost estimate is \$2,200,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

The source of funds for the project is expected to be gifts. Authorization to proceed is contingent on securing donor funding.

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