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June 10, 2008

Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg
Chancellor, Board of Governors
State University System of Florida
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Dear Mark:

As you know, last September the Board of Governors approved the construction of a high density library storage facility here in Gainesville for the use of all eleven state universities. The facility was approved for construction in fiscal year 2010-2011 with occupancy in 2011-2012, at an estimated construction cost of \$11.2 million based on 2007-2008 prices. The facility will house approximately 3 million books and print journals. We are very grateful for your prompt and affirmative response to this request.

I have enclosed letters from my fellow provosts at Florida Atlantic, Florida State, Central Florida and West Florida, thanking the Board of Governors for supporting this project and asking that you consider an expedited construction schedule. As John Pritchett notes in his letter, "Prompt construction could save our university system considerable money in delaying the need for new library construction, and would ease crowding in our libraries, help create more student study space, and offer new options for the libraries to eliminate duplication and expedite interlibrary lending."

We are building a warehouse. It is admittedly a very large and specialized warehouse, but there are over 50 similar facilities throughout the United States. It will not require the long lead time for design and specification that academic buildings require. In addition, the estimated construction costs will continue to increase each year, so building the facility in 2010 will cost substantially more than the \$11.2 million originally estimated. Furthermore, adhering to the initial schedule for construction defers opportunities for better management of our library collections and improved services to our students and faculty. Six of our 11 universities have already identified close to 2 million volumes that they would transfer immediately if the storage facility already existed.

Since receiving your approval, the libraries throughout the state university system have established a taskforce to work on the policies and procedures necessary to operate a shared use facility effectively. The taskforce's work is progressing well, building on the existing

culture of collaboration among our university libraries and the availability of documentation from other well-established consortial library storage facilities.

Judith Russell, Dean of University Libraries here at UF, is leading this initiative. She and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janie".

Janie Fouke
Provost & Senior Vice President

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cc: Dorothy Minear, Interim Vice Chancellor, Strategic Initiatives
Nancy McKee, Vice Chancellor, Planning and Budgeting
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Judith C. Russell, Dean of University Libraries, University of Florida



Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President

March 10, 2008

Mr. Chris Kinsley, CPA
Director, Finance & Facilities
Board of Governors
State University System of Florida
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1633
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear Mr. Kinsley:

I write in support of the Shared High Density Storage Facility for the State University Libraries of Florida that was recently approved by the Board of Governors. I understand that the facility is on the PECO priority list to receive funding in 2010-2011, with completion in 2011-2012.

UCF's main library will soon exhaust its existing shelving capacity, requiring that the library move up to 130,000 volumes into off-site storage. This will result in significant ongoing costs to the library, which will be problematic given the state budget environment. Therefore, I support assigning a higher PECO priority to this project so that it might be funded in 2008-2009.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry L. Hickey'.

Terry L. Hickey, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President

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April 2, 2008

Judith C. Russell
Dean of University Libraries
George A. Smathers Libraries
University of Florida
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Dear Dean Russell:

Please add my support to the proposal to advance funding for the construction of a joint library storage facility, on the UF campus, for the benefit of all the state university libraries in Florida. Prompt construction would save our university considerable money by altering the type of space needed for new library construction. By eliminating the need for new shelving space, it would provide real savings in new construction. It would delay for a time crowding in our libraries and, more importantly, offer new options for the libraries to eliminate duplication and expedite interlibrary lending. I believe that creation of such a facility would offer us additional opportunities in the areas of preservation of materials.

Should the State have the funds to expedite the planning and construction of this facility, it would benefit the students and faculty of the state university system, and provide a continuing advantage to the citizens of this state.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Abele ^{RAB}

Lawrence G. Abele
Provost and Executive Vice President
Academic Affairs

cc: Dr. Robert B. Bradley
Dr. Julia A. Zimmerman



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March 21, 2008

Judith C. Russell
Dean, University Libraries
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Dear Dean Russell:

Recognizing the benefit of a centralized storage facility for important, but infrequently used library research materials, I support your efforts of expediting construction of such a facility to serve the needs of all eleven state university libraries. The University of West Florida would be an active participant in placing materials in the storage facility, freeing library space for alternate uses such as a learning commons and a digital media studio and freeing existing shelving for newer, in-demand resources. With the availability of the storage facility, however, we would feel assured that older materials would remain readily available for use by our student and faculty researchers as the need arises.

Assuming that the state has funding available to expedite the planning and construction of a collaborative, centralized storage facility that will serve our libraries, we not only support, but encourage, decision-makers to give this project a high priority. It would be of both short-term and long-term benefit to all.

Sincerely,

Chula King
Interim Provost

Cc: Helen Wigersma, Interim Dean of University Libraries



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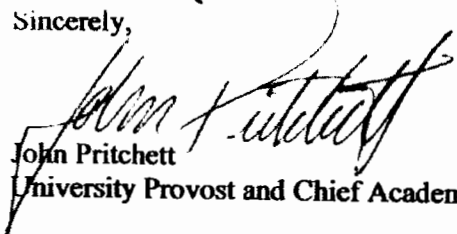
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If the State has the funds to expedite the planning and construction of this facility, this would be a win-win situation for all of the universities and the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely,



John Pritchett
University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

c: William Miller, Dean, Wimberly Library