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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the deadline for input on the draft report for campus reorganization was last Friday. We received nearly fifty emails providing very thoughtful and constructive suggestions. I want to thank all of those who took the time to provide their feedback. Your input has been immensely helpful.

Given the thoughtfulness with which you provided feedback, I felt I should provide an update regarding our thoughts on reorganization. As a direct result of your input, we are making substantial changes to what will become the final report submitted to President Vailas.

For example, we have decided to accept the organizational structure of Pharmacy and Health Professions as proposed by the task force. Specifically, we will restore the Office of Medical and Oral Health at the same level as the schools within the newly formed division rather than place it within the Kasiska School of Health Professions.

Similarly, we will accept the organizational structure of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education as proposed by the task force. Specifically, the College of Education will remain a free standing unit.

Also, we are coming closer to what the task force for Science and Engineering has recommended. Based upon faculty and staff input, we have decided not to recommend a "school structure" for the newly formed College of Science and Engineering.

These are a few of the larger changes that we are making to the draft report. We are still working on other potential changes as well based on your input, and we should have the report to President Vailas on or before his March 1 deadline as well as posted online.

The Vice President for Finance and Administration and his staff are currently conducting a full analysis of how much the campus reorganization will save the university, and I will report to you about these savings when I have the results of their analysis.

One other bit of good news: President Vailas is considering providing Academic Affairs with a modest implementation fund to help cover any unforeseen expenses arising from reorganization efforts.

As usual, I will give you periodic updates on University and Academic Affairs issues as news becomes available, and I invite you to contact me or the staff in the Office of Academic Affairs if we can help you in any way.

Cordially,

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