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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Texas Tech University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President
Michael Galyean, Senior Vice President and Provost
Joseph Heppert, Vice President for Research and Innovation
Noel Sloan, Vice President for Administration and Finance, CFO

RE: Facilities Projects

Last fall we held two campus townhall meetings to share FY2020 updates, including facilities that were currently underway as well as key future initiatives. Since that time, we have celebrated the opening of Experimental Sciences Building II and TCVPA Maegden Theatre.

Our goal is to continue focusing on the facility needs for the core campus. As planning continues for a new Academic Sciences Building, renovation of existing Science Buildings, and Holden Hall transition to Engineering Key facility, we began by outlining areas for consideration such as site planning, utilities, deferred maintenance, parking, etc.

We then met with the Chair of each Arts & Science department. Based on those discussions, Space Utilization Efficiency scores (as used for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board reporting) were used for the purposes of estimating project size, construction costs, and project budget for an Academic Sciences Building.

Input from Deans, Chairs and Faculty will be critical to defining the needs for both now and in the future. As such, we will continue meeting with departments to collect this information. It will also be important to balance new investments with recent large investments into existing space through Presidential Classroom/Class Laboratory funding or research space to find the best mix and utilization of space.

This is an exciting time for Texas Tech University and new investments in academic areas. You should expect to hear more as these projects progress.