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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 2017

To: Lisa Hoferkamp, Faculty Alliance Chair

From: Jim Johnsen, UA President 

Re: UA Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Position

Thank you for both your support of our important initiatives and your suggestion regarding the vice president for academic and student affairs position.

I am happy to discuss this issue with you, however, I intend to proceed with this recruitment for the primary reason that academic and student issues – for which this position exists – are primary to UA's success in meeting our state's higher education needs. This position plays a critical role in coordinating, planning, and leading strategic statewide initiatives that strengthen the effectiveness of our academic programs, drive enrollment, and manage costs.

I especially appreciate your interest in ensuring our increasingly scarce resources are focused on our academic priorities. That's why administration has been bearing the brunt of budget cuts. I anticipate additional reductions in System Office administration this year.

This said, for the reasons stated above, I am proceeding for now with the search and look forward to an upcoming discussion with you on this and other important priorities.

JRJ

cc: Morgan Dufseth, System Governance Council Executive Officer