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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 3, 2010
To: Dr. Suzanne Ortega, Executive Vice President & Provost
From: Roger Schluntz, FAIA
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Subject: February 24 Presentation to President & Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

PRIMARY LONG-TERM ISSUES & NEEDS – SUMMARY

As presented by the School's administrative leadership team, below is the summary of the four key needs/aspirations for the advancement of the School of Architecture and Planning that require immediate commitment and effort.

Certainly there are other needs that each program faces, but the overarching priorities are listed below.

1. Differential Tuition Increase

Student services (e.g., computing, fabrication, printing, advising) are critical components of our program. To meet the needs of our the students in our professional degree programs, as well as the demands imposed by increasing enrollments, it is imperative that we immediately increase both the differential tuition for graduate students and the tech. fees for undergraduate courses. (Requests and justifications have been submitted for the coming academic year.)

2. Permanent Funding Source for Community Outreach

Through various mechanisms, the School has established a distinguished record for service learning and community outreach efforts that touch nearly every corner of New Mexico. With the loss of contracts through the State of New Mexico, and increasingly limited funding capability of the various other agencies and local communities, it has been necessary to collapse the School's Office of Community Outreach – formerly comprised of the 40-year old *Design and Planning Assistance Center* and the *Resource Center for Raza Planning*, while also providing direct support for other interdisciplinary faculty efforts and projects. [We will now simply ask each program to do what they can on an *ad hoc* basis, as part of their respective course assignments when faculty are so inclined, or through volunteer efforts.]

This priority remains in the SA+P strategy for the UNM Capital Campaign. Through directed fund-raising efforts, we had hoped that a permanent endowment fund could be established that, in part, would relieve the programs of the uncertainties for funding outreach efforts on a more-or-less continuous basis.

3. Interdisciplinary PhD Program

As part of the School's adopted Strategic Plan, the envisioned PhD program will generate critical scholarship related to our disciplines in both sustainability and place-making; strengthening the research capabilities and interests of the faculty while addressing pressing needs of New Mexico and the Southwest.

4. Future Physical Expansion

With the reduction of the building program prior to the design process and the subsequent loss of both the Annex and the former Architecture building to Fine Arts, there is now the immediate need to address expansion possibilities. The Fine Arts and Design Library is out of space (one solution is to create a separate Music Library at another location), and we have very limited ability to increase enrollment in our professional programs.

Given an anticipated minimum of ten years of effort to realize a new facility, we ask that planning begin immediately for what could be described as a Fine Arts and Design Annex, serving both the College of Fine Arts and the SA+P. It is important to note that the only available site for the School's future expansion is the parking lot located immediately east of Pearl Hall and south of Johnson Gym. This remaining site within the academic core of the campus needs to be identified in the UNM Campus Master Development Plan for this necessary expansion.