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Re: Charge to Oxford Tract Planning Committee

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Oxford Tract Planning Committee. Attached please find the following background information which sets the context for the work of this committee:

- CNR Report on Possible Re-Purposing of Oxford Tract Research Facility (Sept. 2016)
- UC Berkeley Housing Master Plan Task Force Draft Report (Jan. 2017)
- Message from IEVCP Christ to the CNR community (Feb. 2017)

The Oxford Tract has been identified by the UC Berkeley Housing Master Plan Task Force as a site of high priority for development of new student housing, due to its close proximity to the core campus and its capacity to accommodate new housing (as well as food service operations, student support activities, parking, etc.) for a large number of undergraduate and graduate students. Therefore, I have established this Planning Committee to evaluate and recommend feasible options for relocating the programs and research activities at the Oxford Tract to one or more other UC Berkeley locations. The work of this committee should entail the following:

- *Developing criteria* (e.g., accessibility from the core campus, site capacity, and other program/activity needs) to guide the assessment of the suitability of each potential new location for specific OT programs/activities;

- *Identifying and assessing specific potential relocation sites*, to include consideration of anticipated impacts on research, teaching and outreach activities, and of ways to mitigate those impacts;
- *Preparing a financial analysis for each option*, to consider costs associated with planning for the transition, preparing the new site(s), coordinating and supporting activities that may no longer be physically co-located, etc.

In conducting this work, I ask that you seek input from all relevant constituencies (faculty, students, researchers, and staff), as well as subject matter experts as needed to inform your deliberations. The College of Natural Resources and Division of Academic and Space Planning will provide staffing support, specifically Tina Wistrom and Babs Lane to advise on logistical/managerial and financial aspects, and Abram Hardin to advise on campus space usage, respectively.

I hope that you can submit your report to me by August 15, 2017, and look forward to receiving your thoughtful advice on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

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