MEMORANDUM  

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Dear members of the university community:

We are pleased to announce that we are now developing an enhanced vision for our campus master plan for the next decade. To make our planning process a success, we need your full engagement.

The Campus Master Plan 2020 Steering Committee is comprised of 13 representatives of senior university leadership, including the Faculty Senate chair and the SGA presidents, and is chaired by Chief of Staff Javier Marques. They are working with a specialized team of consultants led by the design firm of Perkins + Will, who are conducting the planning process under the direction of FIU’s Facilities Management Department.

Let me share with you how our Campus Master Plan 2020 team is taking us into the future:

- Working with Perkins + Will, we have begun collecting data to project FIU’s growth needs.

- The Steering Committee has identified seven focus groups covering different aspects of campus planning: Academic Mission, Academic Program & Academic and Research Facilities; Open Space, Recreation, Land Use, Conservation and Coastal Management; Urban, Architectural & Landscape Design Guidelines; Housing, Support Facilities & Student Life; Infrastructure, Utilities, Maintenance; Transportation, Parking, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian; and Inter-governmental Coordination, Advancement, Alumni Affairs. The focus groups include students, faculty, staff, alumni, and local government representatives.

- The Steering Committee will meet to review and discuss the findings of the consultant team and help formulate preliminary alternative concepts for the plan of each campus.

- Public workshops will be conducted to solicit input from the community and share FIU’s preliminary concepts.

- By Spring 2013, we will hold a series of meetings to allow for public review and comment on our draft Comprehensive Campus Master Plan. We will also ask our state and local government agencies for their final review and comments.
• Once the plan has been fully vetted, we will ask the FIU Board of Trustees to formally adopt the Campus Master Plan 2020.

We are counting on you, the students, faculty and staff of FIU, as well as our South Florida neighbors to create and execute a Worlds Ahead vision for FIU’s future.

For more information and for updates, please visit http://facilities.fiu.edu/planning/masterplans.htm.

Sincerely,

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