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Dr. Douglas Harrison
President
Florida Gulf Coast University Faculty Senate

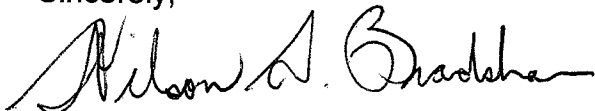
Dear Dr. Harrison:

Thank you for providing a copy of the Faculty Senate's resolution regarding space allocation, as adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2012. As you and I recently discussed, I regret the missed opportunity of engaging the Safety and Facilities Committee of the Planning and Budget Council (PBC) to solicit feedback for the space allocation plans. However, the planning process that took place included representatives of the Offices of Academic Affairs, Administrative Services and Finance, and Student Affairs, and I support the decisions that were made by this group.

The Cabinet and I are committed to doing all we can to secure funding for construction of new space. As you know, since 2007 all six new buildings constructed at FGCU were for academic space – and none for the needs of the other University divisions. Certainly I wish we had permanent buildings for all employees, including not only the faculty currently located in the modular units but also the staff of the Offices of Human Resources, Procurement Services, Environmental Health and Safety, and Campus Recreation who are located in modulars as well.

Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding from the State may be non-existent this year and for the foreseeable future, and thus we will need to collectively explore alternative and creative approaches to housing the University's faculty and staff. The Cabinet and I commit to you and the Senate that these overarching discussions and considerations will include participation by the PBC's Safety and Facilities Committee.

Sincerely,



Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D.
President
Florida Gulf Coast University

c: President's Cabinet (Dr. Ron Toll, Mr. Steve Magiera, Dr. Mike Rollo, Ms. Susan Evans, and Ms. Vee Leonard)

