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**TO:** The Academic Senate  
**FROM:** Academic Senate Chair Mark Karplus  
**SUBJECT:** Correspondence between Senate Chair and President regarding  
Recommendation on Classroom Renovation

**PURPOSE:**  
Information to the Academic Senate.

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date: Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM  
subject: Recommendation on Classroom Renovation

President Morishita,

At its meeting on January 31, 2017, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to you that classroom renovation stop until Academic Affairs prioritization of classroom needs are assessed and brought to the Executive Committee.

Prior to the vote, the Executive Committee had received an update on the classroom upgrade project from the Chair of COBRA. Facilities asked COBRA to recommend four classrooms for the second phase of renovations to occur this year. Two million dollars has been allocated for the next four classrooms, although budgetary problems may interfere with plans to proceed.

Executive Committee members expressed continuing strong concerns about the project, citing excessive costs and a flawed plan. It was suggested that Academic Affairs, rather than Facilities, should be driving the plan. Members agreed that the project should be placed on hold until Academic Affairs completes the assessment and prioritization of classroom needs.

I expect further discussion of the issue at the Executive Committee and Senate. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Mark