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TO: Deans, Department Chairs and Specified Faculty

FROM: Gene Lucas  
Executive Vice Chancellor

RE: Ocean Walk at North Campus - Faculty Housing Update

This is an update on Ocean Walk at North Campus, our newest planned faculty housing community. Our primary goal continues to be to deliver affordable, quality housing to meet the needs of our faculty. We have made progress towards this goal, as we have obtained approval for construction funding from the Office of the President and we are now out to bid for the first phase of 22 homes. However, we are still working to obtain final agency approvals, and because the Coastal Commission conditions do not allow us to start construction during the rainy season, our construction start date is delayed until May 1, 2010.

Under the current schedule, we will open the construction bids in January. We will continue working to obtain final signoffs that we have satisfied the Coastal Commission conditions for the entire project of 161 homes. Thereafter, the construction contract will be awarded. While the construction start is delayed until May 2010, we should be able to make up much of this time in order to deliver the first phase of 22 homes in early 2011.

All of us who have been working very hard on getting this first increment of new faculty housing under construction are disappointed with this additional delay in starting construction. Both the Chancellor and I are closely monitoring the progress of this very important project. We are working with our staff and will be taking whatever actions are necessary to secure all permits to avoid any further delays.

We will be sending out another update after the first of the year with a more detailed schedule after the bids have been opened. We share the frustration of those of you who are waiting to purchase one of our new homes and thank you for your patience. We are confident that when completed, the first 22 homes will meet your expectations both in quality and price. The community that we are developing on our North Campus will be exceptional, and we all expect it will be successful in meeting faculty needs, thus enabling our campus to continue to recruit and retain outstanding faculty in the future.

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