

APLU/BAA & NIFA/AS Deferred Facility Maintenance Strategy Committee

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Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost I want to thank each of you for agreeing to serve on the joint committee with our colleagues from ARS and NIFA on a strategy development team to address our collective deferred maintenance concerns. I have asked Tom Coon, Vice President for Agriculture Programs & Dean and Director at Oklahoma State to chair this effort and he has agreed to do so.

As we have noted on a number of occasions, it was important to assess the magnitude of the problem of deferred maintenance in our institutions and I believe that we all recognize that this is an issue that already impinges upon our collective ability to deliver the highest level of programming to meet the local, state and national challenges before us. And too we do know that if not addressed at multiple levels in a manner which ameliorates the situation, it will only get worse and hamper our institutional efforts further. It is also clear that this is a circumstance that we share with our federal partners who, like us, have very similar issues some of which we hold in common where facilities are co-located on our campuses.

Thanks to the studies that have been undertaken by our federal partner and our own Sightlines study, we do not need to rework that ground. But what we do need to do is to thoughtfully design proactive strategies that can be used at various levels – institutional, state, and federal – to secure the funding to systematically address this -- and therein lies the charge to this committee. This will take creative effort on all of our parts and the strategies developed are likely to be differentiated dependent upon the levels and targets.

I have attached a listing of the members of the committee which as you have probably already determined is broad in its representative scope and leadership. This is clearly by design as we wished to bring strong leadership embodying our collective functions to this work. The work of the committee will be assisted by a number of our section executive directors as we move forward.

In the very near future, we will be setting up a conference call to kick off this effort. Again, I want to thank you for your interest and willingness to participate.

Best regards,

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