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From: Melinda Grier
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2008 1:16 PM
To: Dave Frohnmayer; PSES
Cc: 'kilkenny@uoregon.edu'; 'lfrieder@uoregon.edu'; 'daw@oregon.uoregon.edu'; 'Dave Sparks'
Subject: RE: Arena subcommittee Report complete
Attachments: Univ Senate DF remarks 1-09-07.doc

Dave,

After further reflection and consultation, I think your oral comments today about the SBC report should be very brief. I've tried to make my suggestions below consistent with your statements earlier and with comments I have received or heard from others. I've also attached them as a Word doc to make it easier for you and others edit with them. See what you think:

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b. ~~You are~~ absolutely committed to the concept that the athletic department will be responsible for the debt service on the arena bonds. Academic funds will not be used for the debt service and the athletic department will not be released from the requirement that it be fully self-supporting. "

- In addition to your personal assurance, SBHE limits payment of debt service to sources approved in the project description, which, in this instance, is athletic department revenues. Any change would require SBHE approval.
- Before academic funds could be used for debt service, other auxiliary funds would be tapped.

4. You will have a full response before January 23.

Thoughts by others.

Best,
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From: Dave Frohnmayer
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 10:35 PM
To: PSES
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Subject: FW: Arena subcommittee Report complete

Note Gordon's "hope". Comments welcome. DF

From: President Frohnmayer
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 10:02 PM

To: Dave Frohnmayer
Subject: FW: Arena subcommittee Report complete

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From: Gordon Sayre [mailto:gsayre@uoregon.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 2:27 PM
To: President Frohnmayer; Melinda Grier
Cc: Frances Dyke; John Chalmers; Dennis Howard; Paul van Donkelaar
Subject: Arena subcommittee Report complete

Dear Dave, Melinda, and Frances:

Our subcommittee met today and collated our final revisions to the arena financing report. It responds to the feedback we received from you and from members of the FAC, as well as from members of the IAC and the Budget Committee who read earlier versions last week. I will now also send it to the members of the Senate, in the hope that they might have time to read it before tomorrow's meeting.

At this point, I would like to call your attention to the six recommendations at the end of the document. I know that there was some discussion of these yesterday at FAC, and John Chalmers has substantially revised them.

We are hopeful that the administration may be willing to commit to meeting these recommendations, or at least some of them. If such a commitment could be made at tomorrow's Senate meeting, I believe it would be a valuable step toward Senate and faculty support for the project. But I also realize that to make such a request on 24 hours notice is difficult, which is one reason I feel that the special Senate meeting on Jan. 23rd will be productive.

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