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To: Faculty, Staff and Students:

### **The New Building**

As many of you know, the Regents have approved the new building design. To read the press release, please visit the News Room on the RossWeb site at [http://www.bus.umich.edu/NewsRoom/ArticleDisplay.asp?news\\_id=6760](http://www.bus.umich.edu/NewsRoom/ArticleDisplay.asp?news_id=6760).

Our new building has been designed to accommodate the Ross Schools unique educational program, particularly action-based learning and activities that foster a community of learning. Academic programs and administrative units will form an integrated whole, with academic programs on the west side of the campus and administrative units on the east side.

Our plan is that the new building will be LEED certified. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Our goal is to make the best choices to achieve the highest environmentally sustainable impact within our budget. For example, green roofs on parts of the campus will reduce storm water runoff and reduce heat gain.

If you would like to see the **artists renderings** and **floor-by-floor schematic drawings**, visit the New Building Gallery along the Level One corridor near the Tozzi Center.

### **What's Next**

The project is in its final design phase, which includes selection of construction materials, mechanicals, interior design features, fixtures and hardware. The final design, including our funding plans, will be presented to the Regents for construction approval in February 2006. Our target date for groundbreaking is Spring 2006 (after graduation).

### **New Building Web Site**

Following the October 21 approval of the building design and schematic drawings, we are working diligently on a Web site dedicated to the new building and hope to launch it by mid-November.

Topics will include: overview; Q&A; what students, faculty and staff need to know; building design and construction updates; project timeline; and links to the Ross Gift and Capital Campaign Web sites.

### **Suggestion Box**

While the New Building Suggestion Box was active, we received 192 suggestions for the new facility. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and ideas.

**Faculty & Staff Decanting Plan**

Faculty office assignments are complete. A few faculty have moved and others are in the process. Signs are being posted directing visitors to the new locations and the schools Web directory is being updated. Additional information on departmental moves will be forthcoming from the Office of the Assistant Dean for Finance and Planning.

Best regards,

**The Communications Advisory Committee**

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