

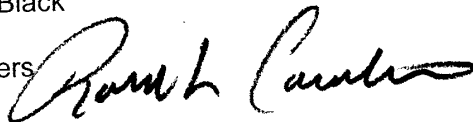
Robert L. Carothers
President

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2009

To: Sheila Grubman Black

From: Robert L. Carothers
President



Subject: #08-09-10

I have reviewed this resolution, reflecting the findings on an ad hoc committee charged by the Senate with studying the issue of siting of the planned research park. As you know, this brief study comes after several years of planning by the Administration, which concluded that the research park should be sited on land north of Flagg Road, specifically purchased in 2006 for that purpose. While I recognize the strong conservation arguments made by the faculty members who prepared the report, I have concluded that those arguments are not sufficiently persuasive for me to endorse its conclusions.

On the other hand, I am not persuaded that the research park's purposes cannot be achieved by infilling on the south side of Flagg Road. Specifically, I would advocate the use of the land currently used for faculty and staff parking, often called the Chaffee Parking Lot.

However, with the transition to the administration of President Dooley only days away, it is not appropriate or useful for me to make a decision or endorsement that might be reversed or revised by the incoming administration. This issue must be resolved by those who come after me.

C: Provost, VPS