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SUBJECT: ASI Budget 2017-18

This is to summarize our meeting on June 30, 2017, regarding the proposed 2017-18 ASI Budget and the 1988 and 1994 referendums that resulted in a \$3.75 per student allocation from ASI to the Anna Bing Arnold Children's Center. As you are aware, ASI funding has significantly fallen short of that amount for nearly 20 years. To rectify this shortfall, I requested a 10% increase to the \$125,000 allocated to the Children's Center and successive 10% increases each year thereafter, before signing the budget. In response, you requested that I sign the budget without the 10% augmentation.

After thoughtful discussion, you proposed that:

- 1) I sign the 2017-18 ASI Budget as presented.
- 2) The University support a two-month training/review period for ASI Board members to discuss strategies for supporting the requested 10% increase in the 2017-18 ASI Budget. The ASI Board is new and being trained on their roles and responsibilities as board directors. Time is needed for the directors to acclimate and understand how the ASI budget works.
- 3) You, as key leaders, will guide the Board in discussions about the proposed 10% increase to the Children's Center this year. Reconciliation of ASI fees occurs in late August/early September, which will present an opportunity for the Board to make well-informed budget adjustment decisions.
- 4) We, ASI and the University, will explore a number of avenues through which ASI can fulfill its obligation to the Children's Center in the future. ASI will convene an internal working group this summer to develop a plan that will be completed by the start of spring semester.

I will sign the 2017-18 ASI Budget contingent upon enactment of the steps summarized above. I appreciated our productive discussion, which moves us closer to resolution of the Children's Center funding issue.