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President Mike Martin
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SUBJECT: Letter of Recognition for all faculty, administration, and staff that had to address the power outage in Merwin Hall

President Martin:

The Faculty Senate wanted to make special recognition to all faculty, administration, and staff that helped our University overcome the power outage of Merwin Hall. This major problem was overcome by collaboration and understanding between all involved. Hopefully, this approach can be a model for all issues that present themselves to our university community.

I want to make special note of the extremely difficult job Sue Meyers had to take on to find new meeting locations for all classes scheduled in Merwin Hall. I understand this involved having classes in nontraditional locations such as Alico Arena. It was Sue's quick and diligent response that help our campus community overcome this disruption. I also wanted to thank all faculty and staff for being flexible and easily adjusting to this disruption. In addition, the Physical Plant staff worked overtime to correct this problem. Finally, I want to thank Provost Llorens and his staff for working with Faculty Senate to extend the submission deadlines for the excellence awards. Several faculty were not able to get access to their documents to complete their excellence award submission by 9 AM on Monday the 3rd as a result of the power failure. Without hesitation, Provost Llorens agreed to time extension which accommodated the reopening of Merwin Hall.

Thank you for your time,



Dr. James H. MacDonald, Jr.
Professor of Geology and Faculty Senate President

CC: Sue Meyers, Provost Llorens, Susan Evans, Steve Magiera, Missy Berkley, Susan Byars