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CALS Faculty, Staff, Students, and other Stakeholders:

As you probably have heard by now, on December 11, 2012 the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) embarked on a new college strategic planning process. The steering committee and Department Heads have been involved in early planning sessions with our strategic planning consulting firm, Tecker International, LLC. This is an exciting time in the CALs as this process will provide many opportunities for engagement and involvement by faculty, students, staff, stakeholders, alumni, donors and other supporters in charting the future direction we take as we tackle the significant societal challenges facing our state, nation and world.

Later today, an announcement and invitation to participate in this process will be sent via multiple email lists. We encourage you to carefully review the information you will receive and find ways to interact with this process via listening sessions, working groups and other opportunities that will be provided in the coming weeks. You will see that we will be conducting listening sessions on campus and across the state to solicit input and ideas. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in the process. After the listening sessions are conducted, working groups will be established to focus on specific issues and challenges related to the future of the College.

This is a critically important process for the College as we have the opportunity to develop a strategic plan and also an on-going process for strategic visioning that will allow us to have greater impact in our state, nation and world.

Thanks for all that you are doing to make the College and University extraordinary. We look forward to working with you as the process unfolds in the coming months.

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