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Robert L. Barchi, President

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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
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Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the Report and Recommendations on Senate Charge S-1108 on Research Support Infrastructure, as adopted by the University Senate on May 3, 2013. I thank the members of the Senate's Research, Graduate and Professional Education Committee for their thorough examination and detailed recommendations related to this complex charge.

In order to give full consideration to the report's fifteen recommendations and their multiple implications, I accept the Senate's recommendation to form a university Working Group to address these issues. By copy of this letter I am asking Christopher Molloy, upon assuming his new role as Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development, to establish such a group, which would include Vice Presidents Donald Smith and Marianne Gaunt or their designees, as well as appropriate representatives of the faculty. I charge that group with examining the Senate's recommendations and related matters across all the areas addressed in the report, and to provide me with an analysis and implementation plan for advancing our research support infrastructure within two years of the group's formation. After review of the Working Group's proposals, decisions about research infrastructure improvements will be shared with the university community at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

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