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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The completion of the Student Wellness Center was one of many milestone events this fiscal year. After several years of planning, decisions, and construction, the campus community celebrated with a grand opening ceremony on September 25. Also on the Bronson property, the second mini-mall was completed. The mall features retail space on the ground level and six apartments on second floor which are leased and managed by Residence Services. The second group of 15 townhomes was also completed this year. The Bronson property continues to develop with plans for a bank and a hotel. Other major projects completed were the Neuroscience Research addition and the Hopper-Danley Spiritual Center. The Hopper-Danley estate provided the funds for the Spiritual Center and also to restore the Adelphi Fountain. The fountain was shipped to California to be restored by John C. Rogers, the son of John H. Rogers who was the dean of Fine Arts through the early 1980's. The fountain is a popular focal point on campus and the sculpture will be enjoyed for many years to come.

The Strinden Center and 419-421 Princeton were gifted to the University from the Alumni Foundation. The Princeton houses were demolished and a temporary parking lot was constructed in the lots. The Delta Upsilon house was sold to the fraternity. The land at this site remains the property of the University. The KUND radio tower was also removed from the Bronson site for the development of the townhomes. The tower was reconstructed at a site north of Grand Forks by Prairie Public Broadcasting.

The total square footage of University owned buildings is now 5,572,114. This is an increase of 351,442 square feet. This increase is due to the addition of the buildings mentioned above and the implementation of the FAMIS space module. The space module utilizes the computer aided design program to calculate the building square footage. This resulted in an increase in the aggregate square footage of some buildings. FAMIS is a more accurate calculation of gross square footage than the method utilized in previous years. Campus statistics may be viewed in Appendix A.

Facilities' role has changed to a more managerial entity. During peak times, the department has contracted out flooring installations, painting, and larger remodeling projects. The popularity of modular office furniture has reduced the work in the carpentry shop.

Foundations and private developers have changed how the department does business. Each negotiation may have different financial and maintenance levels to be worked out. Currently there are leases or maintenance agreements with the American Indian Center, University Health Facility, Ina Mae Rude, Wellness Center, Spiritual Center, Memorial Union, and Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The department works with various foundations in designing and implementing new construction or enterprises. There has been an increase in the number of external funding sources and developments. The state and city also has increased their support of entrepreneur projects on campus. The importance of establishing and maintaining communication lines with the city and state has been amplified through these projects.

Research funding has also had an impact on the department. The need for uninterrupted power supply, sophisticated laboratories, and controlled spaces, makes it a challenge for departments to compete for the grants. Facilities can provide support and expertise to assist in submitting accurate building and infrastructure data for grant proposals. This information can be critical to the institution to address the impact of the grant and the sustaining costs before a grant commitment is made.

The legislative session convened this year to allocate funding for the 07-09 biennium. The State of North Dakota had experienced a boom in oil sales which resulted in a surplus of funds to be distributed. This was an important legislative session for the department as it provided an opportunity to capture funding for deferred maintenance items. The campus was generously supported with an additional \$3.6 million to be used in reducing its \$40 million deferred maintenance list. The department anticipates a significant increase in activity repairing buildings on campus, and the department is gearing up to take full advantage of this rare opportunity. The legislation also gave Facilities approval to carry forward \$2.2 million of the energy bonds for the previous biennium.