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To: Foster, Brian L. (Provost)
Cc: Dean, Kenneth D.
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I think I agree, Brian. You're right about the coordination/alignment. I would minimize the distance between information NSEI and TSPA (which should be done at the same time) and the whole thing going public. Days, rather than weeks, I think. We also have careful coordination to do before then.

How about this as a rough time line (to be put into much better detail in our conversation)?

March 1, 2012: announcement to public

February 27, 2012: TSPA and NSEI informed

February 20: coordination with MU News Bureau/Chris Koukola/UM System

February 17, 2012: Offer letter to Bart and agreement by Ralph Butler/Rob Duncan on Big C center going to Reactor

February 10, 2012: Final strategy session with Foster, Dean, Justice to make sure we're going to be able to go forward for March 1

Between now and February 10: Preparation of materials, discussion of terms for TSPA, chancellor's final approval on the all of this, including offer to Bart, \$300k to Truman School, and reorganization of NSEI

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On Jan 24, 2012, at 9:01 PM, Foster, Brian L. (Provost) wrote:

Let's the three of us talk about this. We need to have some kind of communication with the NSEI people, I'm afraid, before this all goes public (that will be nasty, but I think it may be more nasty if we don't.) I guess I'm just saying that the coordination/alignment/timing of these three matters (NSEI, Truman, Grad School) has to be very well thought out.
Brian

From: Justice, George
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 9:14 AM
To: Dean, Kenneth D.; Foster, Brian L. (Provost)
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Brian (copying Ken),

I've updated the Grad School reorganization memo. Most of this involved minor word tinkering, but I also changed the date of the effective reorganization from July 1 to March 1. I took away from the meeting with the chancellor last week that we should move forward on this as quickly as possible. Please read this carefully and let me know what you think.

Along these lines, I think there are a few steps we need to take prior to releasing this to the campus.

a) We need to write a letter of offer to Bart Wechsler to be dean of the Truman School for the period covering March 1, 2012 until August 1, 2014.

b) We need to prepare staff in both our offices (I'm taking that on for Mannie Liscum and Bev Vaughn, particularly, next week since they're likely to field many questions. I think Kirsten and Teresa need to understand what's going on, and maybe others, including people in the chancellor's office).

c) We need to work with the News Bureau--I think this memo can serve as a news release, but we'll want Mary Jo and Christian not only to format the actual press release but to understand what we're doing.

At the same time, we need to keep a careful lid on this. I've only told Mannie and Bev in my office--I don't think anybody else needs to know beforehand.

I'll be working also on the constituent pieces--the cover memo for Bart's vision statement and our specific release on the details of NSEI. That one might take a bit of work--we need to make sure that current students feel "safe" with the transition. This means I'll need to work on a memo ^{Redacted} [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (We'll also have to work on a name change for the degree, but I think that can wait until later in the spring).

And there will be more--I'm trying to think through all the complexities. In the meantime, please do look closely at this version of the memo.

Best,
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