

## Important Updates Regarding the Dental Sciences Building



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To: UF College of Dentistry,

I want to share with all of you several noteworthy developments related to infrastructure needs of our college.

### **UF Board of Trustees – Concept Approval**

During their June 2019 meeting, the UF Board of Trustees approved a 10-year, \$2.2 billion capital improvement plan that included \$183 million for a new UF College of Dentistry building. This is a “concept” approval, without specific plans or funding identified, but marks an exciting first step for our school. With the trustees’ approval, we are officially on the path to creating a physical environment that mirrors the excellence of our people and our programs.

There are countless processes and projects ahead of us, including identifying needs and space, planning and funding streams. Our work is continuing with the architects and designers from Kahler-Slater, the firm that UF has contracted with to draft the initial building concepts. I will keep everyone updated as things progress.

### **Indoor Environmental Quality Assessment – Dental Sciences Building**

UF Environmental Health & Safety contracted with an outside consultant, [Terracon](#), to conduct an environment assessment of the dental tower. UFCD faculty and staff who work in the dental tower will receive a survey from Terracon within the coming weeks to elicit their input about any workplace and/or environmental concerns. Faculty and staff can complete the survey anonymously or choose to self-identify.

Terracon personnel will conduct an on-site inspection of any reported areas of concern, report findings and make recommendations to UF. While I am not certain of a timeline for this project, I expect it will take between four to six months, from start to finish. You can get more information on our [website here](#), where you can also find project updates.

### **West Wall Flashing Replacement**

I also want to remind you about the flashing replacement on the tower’s west wall that started on June 24 and is expected to be completed later this month. You are probably hearing drilling, hammering and feeling vibrations as JAM Construction completes repairs to mitigate water intrusion problems on the second and third floors. You can see announcements about this project and others on our [website here](#).

Thank you, in advance, for the ongoing support, honest feedback and patience that will provide the necessary momentum to complete these projects. I look forward to what the future holds!

Regards,  
Dean Isabel Garcia