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Cc: Larry Peterson
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Hi Kent - at least on the surface your arguments and concerns seem logical and compelling to me.

I am cc'ing Larry Peterson on this as perhaps he can inform us concerning the committee's deliberations.

Nevertheless, I want to assure you that I believe that technological advances including especially those in the physical and natural sciences are critical to solving the major issues facing us in the coming century, chief among which is achieving food security for up to 11 billion people on the planet, and an informed citizenry, and especially those having a university education, is a must.

I also believe that an important focus of this institution is in the STEM disciplines - this is not to undercut the importance of the social sciences and humanities - rather, I believe these seemingly disparate disciplines can be a tremendous compliment to each other in and that a strength of this university is just that.

Anyway, hopefully Larry can help us understand the thinking in terms of the GE proposal and we can come to a consensus on these issues!

Cheers!

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"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture."

George Washington, 1794 (Letter to John Sinclair)

"Hunger and inadequate food supply are still affecting large parts of the world's population with serious consequences for health and well-being, especially in children." U.N. Standing Committee on Nutrition, 2013.