Dear Colleagues:

I have declined to sign the resolution concerning university-wide printing and procurement contracts. In so doing, I acknowledge that the manner in which the printing project was developed and implemented has created challenges. Moving to an approach to printing that would encourage reduced costs and promote our ambition to be a more sustainable university makes sense. However, we did not sufficiently involve the university community in developing such a program. As a result, faculty and staff felt that the proposal reduced their ability to do their job satisfactorily.

Since the passage of the resolution the Office of Finance and Administration has worked with the deans, faculty, and staff to find ways to modify the original approach to meet the needs of their units. That work is still ongoing but I am confident that we will be able to move forward in a collaborative fashion to address the concerns that precipitated the resolution.

Sincerely,

Pam Benoit
Executive Vice President and Provost