CONSTRUCTION ALERT

CONCERNING IMMINENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

for

ROTUNDA RENOVATIONS

DATE: May 16, 2014

ITEMS OF INTEREST: CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN MONDAY, MAY 19TH. STARTING THAT DAY, THE ROTUNDA WILL BE CLOSED TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC; ONLY AUTHORIZED UNIVERSITY STAFF AND CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. NOISE FROM MOVE OUT OPERATIONS, CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY, AND FENCING INSTALLATION WILL BE EVIDENT TO PEOPLE IN THE AREA. AS CONSTRUCTION FENCING IS INSTALLED, SIDEWALKS WILL BE CLOSED AND WAY FINDING SIGNAGE INSTALLED TO INDICATE DETOURS AROUND THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. SEE THE SITE LOGISTICS PLAN BELOW.

IMMINENT ACTIVITY: Extensive renovations to the Rotunda will require its closing until the summer of 2016. Initial construction activities over the next few weeks include: 1) move–out with trucks on sidewalks from McCormick Road and University Avenue; 2) construction fencing; 3) way finding and project signage; 4) interior abatement and demolition; 5) construction trailers and support facilities; 6) building monitoring systems, and; 7) filling archaeological excavations. Later this summer, sections of the east colonnade will be dismantled to allow access for heavy equipment into the east courtyard. By the end of the summer, work in the east courtyard will start to underpin and shore the existing buildings prior to removing earth for the underground mechanical room. Site utilities work will also start by the end of the summer.

BACKGROUND: This final phase of Rotunda renovations will complete the building’s rehabilitation following its roof replacement. The remaining work includes exterior repairs of the porticos and office wings, replacement of all MEP systems, underground additions to increase mechanical and support spaces, and new landscapes in the courtyards and north terrace. The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2016.

INTERIM ROUTES: Pedestrian routes around the Rotunda may be briefly blocked as construction vehicles and moving trucks travel between surrounding roads and the building. As fencing is installed and sidewalks become blocked, way finding signage will be installed to indicate new routes for pedestrians. See site logistics plan below.

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