

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

It is with pleasure that I write to you today about the progress we are making toward the construction of the Barbara Walters Campus Center. As you know, alumna Barbara Walters gave the College a generous lead gift to construct this transformative, donor-funded building. With successful fundraising on schedule, we expect to break ground during the summer of 2017, with an anticipated completion date in 2019.

The selected building site, based on its centrality and visibility on campus, is at the northern end of the Andrews parking lot near the corner of Kimball Avenue and Glen Washington Road. As you might expect, this building site choice will require replacement of displaced parking and a study is currently underway to develop recommendations to address this.

With the recent engagement of KSS as the project architect, more than 100 members of the community including trustees, faculty, staff, undergraduate students, and graduate students, are serving on a series of working and focus groups. These groups will discuss various aspects of the project and provide focused attention on particular issues that will influence the design, functionality, and operation of the building.

In addition to the input from the members of the working and focus groups, I am inviting all faculty and staff to participate in an open town hall style meeting with KSS, the project architect, on September 27th from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Donnelley Theatre. This town hall style meeting will provide an opportunity for additional updates on the project and for all faculty and staff members of the community to contribute thoughts and inspiration to help make our center distinctively Sarah Lawrence.

I will continue to provide email updates on the status of the project as well as post additional information to a soon to be launched project website on MySLC. As always, please do not hesitate to touch base directly if you have questions or comments. I look forward to your feedback both at the town hall meeting and through the project website once it is available.

Thank You,

Steve

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