February 13, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
President

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Placement of Dr. Robert Gates Bust in the “Gates Room” of Memorial Student Center

At its January 10, 2011 meeting, the Council of Built Environment discussed placing a bust of Dr. Robert M. Gates in the Memorial Student Center “Gates Room”. The request was received and would previously have been reviewed by the President’s Advisory Committee on Art Policy (PACAP). Since PACAP has been combined with DRsc, it was reviewed during the December 14, 2011, DRsc meeting. Tom Reber presented information regarding the intention to create a cabinet outside a large assembly room named in honor of Dr. Robert Gates in the Memorial Student Center. The cabinet will contain memorabilia given by Dr. Gates and a life-sized bust of Dr. Gates which has already been commissioned and is being created.

The DRsc recommends that the generous donation of the bust be accepted into the university art collection and placed inside the cabinet for the MSC “Gates Room”. The DRsc notes that with the recent addition of the President’s Advisory Council on Art Policy (PACAP) into the DRsc, procedures will be put into place regarding the proposal of such art items and these procedures, once approved by the President, will be shared with the Texas A&M Foundation and others. Thomas Mather made the motion to recommend to the President that the bust of Dr. Gates be placed in the MSC “Gates Room” and Kate Miller seconded the motion.

CBE unanimously voted to approve the request for the life-size Gates Bust to be placed in a cabinet outside a large MSC assembly room named in honor of Dr. Robert M. Gates and recommends approval by the President.

Keran L. Watson 2/16/12
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council of Built Environment

Rodney P. McClendon 2/15/12
Vice President for Administration
Co-Chair, Council of Built Environment

Recommendation Approved:

R. Bowen Loftin 2/17/12
President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council of Built Environment
Tom Reber
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
    Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

    Dr. Rodney McClendon
    Vice President for Administration

FROM: Prof. David Woodcock
    Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE: January 5, 2012

RE: Design Review Sub-Council Report
Dr. Robert Gates Bust in “Gates Room” of Memorial Student Center

On December 14, 2011, the Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) reviewed a presentation by Tom Reber, Division of Student Affairs, regarding the intention to create a cabinet outside a large assembly room named in honor of Dr. Robert Gates in the Memorial Student Center. The cabinet will contain memorabilia given by Dr. Gates and a life-sized bust of Dr. Gates which has already been commissioned and is being created.

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cc: Tom Reber
    Design Review Sub-Council Members
    Jo Williams