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President James T. Willerson  
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Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for submitting your institution's 2008-09 compact which, by this letter, I accept and approve.

Your compact is outstanding. In very few pages and in a common format, the reader can grasp how well the campus is doing in meeting specific objectives and what actions are contemplated in the intermediate term. It should be most helpful to the Board of Regents. We encourage you to circulate it widely; we will post each compact on the System's Web site and will also share copies with the Board later this month.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the considerable thought, work, and involvement of faculty and staff in its formulation. We know that you have aligned the development of the compact with strategic planning on your campus and appreciate your efforts to foster this alignment and track progress on a regular basis. I hope the compact will provide a point of focus and support communication about your institution's highest-priority activities.

Congratulations on the ambitious plan of work you have outlined. I look forward to learning about your continued progress and results in the coming year.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof  
Chancellor

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cc: Executive Vice Chancellor Kenneth I. Shine  
Vice Chancellor Geri H. Malandra