



Work of Two Special Committees: The Special Committee on Live Lions (SCLL) continues its work in consulting with animal care experts, compiling stakeholder input, and ensuring consideration of all options on the question of lion replacement. I recently met with committee co-chairs Dr. Lisa Blankinship and VP Kevin Haslam to discuss the status of the inquiry and to provide administrative feedback on questions from the SCLL membership. I plan to meet with the full committee early in the spring semester to receive preliminary findings and determine next steps. Separately, the Work Group to Enhance Music and Fine Arts was empaneled in November with the charge to advise University officials on the best plan for addressing the aging facilities that house our programs in those academic areas. This ten-member panel is chaired by Dr. Meghan Merciers, Associate Dean for the School of the Arts. Both the Work Group and the SCLL were established in consultation with fac.6 (t)-6 ()10.6 (m)-3.3 (enh)2.3 (ek1.io)-6.7 (