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6/21/2006: Godfrey Gibbison (COBA): A number of faculty in COBA have been asking me when we are going to have a faculty club, and somebody said that at some point the President had spoken of some renovation that was going to incorporate a faculty club. But the folks in COBA, especially unmarried folks in COBA, are very concerned about this issue and have asked me to ask about it. Bruce Grube (President): When the idea of a club came up, a singles club did not really occur to me, but you make a very good point. One of the original thoughts was that when we get the new alumni house built, the current alumni house might become a venue for some sort of place where faculty could go to find meals and meet and talk, and so forth and so on. The issue that has hung itself a little bit as we started talking about the legal ramifications of that had to do with the service of alcohol, as an ongoing enterprise in such a venue. We are kind of struggling with that at the minute, Godfrey. Another solution which I have mentioned to Pat would be that there are some people on campus who were members of the former faculty club. And there is somewhere slightly in excess of, I think, $100,000, that sits out there, so another solution would simply be to convene that group of people to see if they could come up with a structure and turn that account over in the event that a venue that can serve alcohol might exist, but that would have to exist off campus. That is my best summary for the moment. Clara Krug (CLASS): Dr. Grube, is it possible to have a locker system, at a place like this, where people go and get their own alcohol and serve themselves? Does that present the same problems? Excuse me; I am one of the dinosaurs that used to belong to the faculty club, so I remember that it was barely off campus, in a structure that has now been demolished. But we had lockers, and people would keep whatever they wanted in their lockers. So is that not a possibility? Bruce Grube (President): I think the key distinction that you have made yourself was on campus or off campus. You will notice that there are a lot of questions I do not ask of individuals on this campus.

11/27/2006: Krug (CLASS) spoke on behalf of the Ad Hoc Steering Committee on Reestablishing an Academic Club. She reported that the committee had held an event on Friday, November 3rd. About 110 to 120 people had attended. She thanked those present who had attended. She announced plans to enlarge the steering committee, to divide into some sub-groups for events, facilities, and publicity. The committee received responses to its survey from 135 faculty, staff, and administrators. A significant number (82%) want there to be a social event each semester. Sixty-four percent would like to see a place on campus where faculty may go with a brown bag lunch, and about 87% would like us to find a permanent building. She had contacted Billy Griffis about a permanent building, and he promised me that, after Thanksgiving, he would share this information with people he knows that might be interested. Unfortunately, we don’t have the typical amount of money necessary to purchase a place like the old Pizza Inn, which he said would sell for $600,000.