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EC Members,

The final proposal for discontinuing the purchase and management of mobile phones and data plans by the Health Science Center was completed by the working group, and will be presented in the EC Meeting on January 6. As proposed by the working group, the first step in implementing the plan was to discontinue purchasing phones on February 2. As word of the pending changes have spread across the institution a risk has been manifested through the tremendous increase in purchases; presumably to acquire new phones before the moratorium is made effective.

For the entire months of August and September, 6 and 9 new phones were purchased and activated respectively. November produced 23 new acquisitions and as of today, there have been 27 purchases during December with many more in the pipeline for this month. Based upon this activity, we have elected to discontinue the purchase of new phones by the HSC starting January 1, versus waiting until February 2. I respectfully request you share this communication with whomever you feel appropriate. Again the overall recommendations of the working group will be presented to the full EC on January 6.

All the best,


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