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Dr. William F. Brinkman
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Dear Dr. Brinkman,

During the process of reviewing panel reports for the last two FESAC charges on priorities and facilities, it became clear that the lack of a clear plan for Fusion Sciences had made the work considerably more challenging. In response, the full committee passed the following motion at our meeting of March 15, 2013.

“Efforts on the current facilities charge and recent work on program priorities has once again brought into focus the lack of a clear, well-articulated and widely accepted strategic plan or road map for Fusion Energy Sciences. The FESAC urges the program office to develop such a plan as soon as possible, utilizing the advisory committee process and with broad community input.”

This sentiment is consistent with previous statements from the Committee. Recent reports, for example the two 2012 Committee reports on Fusion Materials and on International Collaboration, noted the lack of applicable strategic plans. Several years before, the first recommendation of the “Priorities, Gaps & Opportunities” report in 2007 was the development of such a plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Greenwald".

Martin Greenwald
Chair, Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

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