1. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** It is the preference of the University to avoid the use of allowances by making all necessary project systems product, materials and finish selections prior to bid of the complete project scope. Exceptions are as follows:

1.1 Where the Design Consultants find in the course of documenting the project for bidding that there are outstanding issues that may prevent the final selection of a product or finish, the Design Consultant(s) will review the possible use of an allowance with the University’s Project Manager. The University’s Project Manager will either approve the use of an allowance or assist in resolving issues and achieving all final selections.

1.2 To be considered, allowances shall only be applied to simple products or finish materials that a contractor would purchase and install, and such that in a final selection, post bid, will not unnecessarily alter other aspects of the contractor’s work opening the University to non-competitive pricing.