1  **Floor Finish Selection**

1.1  While vinyl composition tile has been the traditional "workhorse" flooring for the university, other options are being increasingly considered. Alternative materials, preferably in tile form, will be considered and should be discussed with the project manager.

1.2  Alternative materials include, but are not limited to linoleum products, vinyl products with different solids (granite in lieu of limestone), recycled rubber, or even specially finished concrete.

2  **Floor Preparations**

2.1  Regardless of the floor finish selected, the success of the floor is highly dependent on the quality of the concrete deck. Specifications for the deck should assure a smooth and level surface.

3  **Vinyl Base**

3.1  4" vinyl base is to be installed from roll stock with continuous corners. Preformed corners are not acceptable. Installation shall be planned to minimize joints. High bond adhesive shall be used at corners, joints, and ends. Vinyl base shall be radius trimmed at all exposed ends.

4  **Restrooms**

4.1  Ceramic tile is the most appropriate floor finish in restrooms. See Design Guidelines for Restrooms.

5  **Lobbies**

5.1  Terrazzo, quarry tile, and other special purpose materials are typically considered acceptable in lobbies and other public/high traffic spaces. In most cases, terrazzo will receive a standard finish, with vitrified finish reserved for special situations.

6  **Stair Nosing**

6.1  Stairs requiring nosing shall receive extruded aluminum stair nosing with abrasive fill.

7  **Building Entries and Vestibules**

7.1  Building entries should have vestibules with maximum ¼" deep recess for owner provided and installed walk-off mat. Walk-off should be as long as possible in the direction of travel.

8  **Floor Preparations**

8.1  Regardless of the floor finish selected, the success of the floor is highly dependent on the quality of the concrete deck. Specifications for the deck should assure a smooth and level surface.

9  **Carpeting**

9.1  Carpet is subject to approval in specific areas and should be discussed with the project manager.

9.2  When used, carpet should be installed in tile form and shall be commercial grade with appropriate antimicrobial treatment and fire retardant rating. Application shall be discussed with the project manager, as glueless (non-VOC) installations are preferred.

10  **Environmental Quality**

10.1  All interior finish materials should comply with standards for low VOC. of the floor finish selected, the success of the floor is highly dependent on the quality of the concrete deck. Specifications for the deck should assuure a smooth and level surface.