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Dear Professor Duncan,

The College of Arts & Sciences is pleased to support your applications for two new graduate programs, the Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology, and the Graduate Certificate in Biotechnology. Given the current courses that will be taken by students in this program, and our plans to hire additional faculty in the Biological Sciences, we can provide the instructional capacity needed for this program. We have reviewed the business plan for the PSM program and believe that this can be a sustainable program, even with modest enrollments. The other program does not require additional fixed costs, so that it should also be sustainable even if it generates no new revenue.

Programs such as these will provide important new educational options for students, serve local companies by offering training opportunities for their employees, make the region more attractive to prospective employers and residents, and enhance the prominence of the University. We strongly support this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George H. Watson".

George H. Watson
Interim Dean