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Dear Errol:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for your proposal to initiate a new Master of Science degree in Software Engineering. This program is well aligned with the Path to Prominence and our College's Strategic Plan, and it supports our plans for growth in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences. This proposed program will serve professionals working in the area as well as traditional full-time students, thus serving our goals of expanding professional education and providing opportunities for the Delaware community. This Master's program will strengthen our relationship with the scientific enterprise at Aberdeen Proving Ground and other local employers. You have made careful estimates of the student demand for this degree program, and we expect that it will become a new source of revenue to the College that can be used to support other initiatives. We also look forward to expanded collaboration with the College of Engineering, which is a partner in our Software Engineering efforts.

As this is one of the first professional education programs in the sciences at UD, we appreciate the effort that you and your colleagues have invested to prepare this proposal. The College of Arts & Sciences is committed to supporting the initiation of this new degree program. As a tangible demonstration of this support, we have already authorized a search for a new faculty member in Software Engineering. We are confident that this program will become a prominent example of how professional education can benefit the University, our students, and our community.

Sincerely,

George H. Watson
Interim Dean