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Dear Tom,

This letter is to indicate my enthusiasm for the proposed minor in Biomedical Engineering that your department is considering. My belief is that Biomedical Engineering has a bright future but I also believe that this discipline that would benefit from the addition of people with a strong biology background. The Department of Biological Sciences has approximately 800 majors and many have asked me about career opportunities in Biomedical Engineering. The addition of this minor would greatly enhance the career prospects for Biology majors.

As you know, one of the purposes for my taking this position at the University of Delaware was to establish an interface between Biology and the physical science departments. I strongly believe that the addition of this program would be a decisive step in establishing this interaction. I know that many of the faculty in Biology would support such an initiative.

In summary, I think that a minor in Biomedical Engineering would be strongly supported by the Department of Biological Sciences and that many of the current Biology majors would be interested in such a program. Should you need any additional information or my help in furthering this proposal, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall L. Duncan".

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