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David, Christopher, and Steve:

The proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, the Fisher College of Business, and the College of Medicine, to establish an interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Data Analytics leading to the Bachelor of Science degree was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on November 6, 2013. Thank you for attending the meeting, and the one on October 16, 2013, to discuss the proposal and respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (June 2014).

This message represents my formal communication with you about this Council action. Please keep a copy for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

I will now send the proposal to the Office of the Ohio Board of Regents for approval, and I will monitor that process closely and provide you with updates. Note that this program cannot be offered formally until such approval has been secured, and any reference to it should note "pending approval by the Ohio Board of Regents".

It is a tribute to your leadership, and to your genuine and full commitment to students and faculty throughout the University, that this program has been developed as thoroughly, effectively, and professionally, as has occurred. Special mention needs to be made of our colleagues who met regularly and worked diligently to produce a high quality program - notably Chris Hans (Statistics), Ed McCaul (Engineering), Srinu Pathasarathy and Neelam Soundarajan (Computer Science and Engineering), Phil Smith (Integrated Systems Engineering), Pat West (Business) and Umit Catalyurek (Biomedical Informatics).

I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you on the development of the proposal – from its inception in August 2012 to the point of Council approval today. Indeed, the approach taken here is a model for future interdisciplinary program development.

With you, I am now very excited about the program's implementation, and will continue to support you in whatever ways I can.

On behalf of the Office of Academic Affairs, congratulations and thank you for this important

contribution to the University's undergraduate education programs.

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