

May 30, 2014

Dear Dean Manderscheid,

The Department of Molecular Genetics enthusiastically supports the team teaching proposal put forth by Drs. Chamberlin (Dept. of Molecular Genetics) and Rempala (Public Health). This 2-credit course, "Introduction to Genomic Data Analysis", focuses on the quantitative analysis of large data sets that emerge from genomic studies. While courses are offered in Arts and Sciences that focus on the statistics OR genomics, no current offerings exist that integrate these different topics into a single course at a level appropriate for undergraduate students. This course fills a gap in the Molecular Genetics curriculum and will be of significant interest and value to undergraduate majors in Molecular Genetics, Biology, Microbiology, Neuroscience, and Biochemistry within the College of Arts and Sciences. We strongly encourage your support of this thoughtful and needed new course. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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