

April 16, 2010

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Dear Peter,

It is my understanding that the APC has requested that the Vice Dean of Medical Education provide oversight of the further development and subsequent implementation of the proposed professional Masters in Biostatistics degree program. It is further requested that the Vice Dean report annually to you as to the progress of this educational program and that the APC receive a comprehensive review of the degree program performed by the School of Medicine after three years.

I will be happy to honor these requests and will assume this responsibility. The Vice Dean's office is fully supportive of this educational program and is willing to provide whatever assistance is needed.

It is my understanding that the University may create a Masters Advisory Council which will develop specific guidelines for these programs. I would be happy to participate in that process in any way you deem helpful.

The Department of Biostatistics is committed to this educational program and I am confident that with the appropriate guidance they can be successful.

If I can provide assistance in any additional way please let me know.

Sincerely,



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