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Dear Elizabeth,

I write this letter to express my strong support of the proposed bioinformatics track and related courses within the Translational Life Science Technology (TLST) program.

The TLST program already provides technology-focused classes that can count toward the biological science (BIOL) and biochemistry (BIOC) degrees and benefit students interested in careers in the biotechnology industry. The bioinformatics courses offer similar types of classes that will work well as a track of TLST. Through these series of course, students will be introduced to bioinformatics and get a large dose of a major type of informatics (the type I suspect is in high demand in industry). We do not have these classes currently in our department. Therefore, I suspect that our BIOL and BIOC students may want to take these bioinformatics classes as electives.

I hope this letter helps the UGC in the review of the TLST bioinformatics track and the new courses within the track.

Sincerely,

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