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RE: Interdisciplinary Initiatives Task Force Charge

Dear Task Force Member:

During the 2010 Fall semester, I hosted a Brown Bag discussion on interdisciplinary programs and initiatives in higher education. Given the faculty interest evidenced by attendance and discussion at this meeting, I identified two "next steps" to help us move forward in this area at Pittsburg State. I am appointing this task force with the following charge:

- (1) To identify policies, procedures, and other constraints that inhibit the development of interdisciplinary courses and programs and, additionally, to provide preliminary suggestions that would address any of these inhibitors.
- (2) To assist the task force in its work as it convenes this fall, department chairs completed an inventory of interdisciplinary programming currently being done on campus, as well as any plans for the future. This information will be organized and utilized in framing a university-wide initiative around interdisciplinary programs.

You have been identified to represent an important constituency within the University on the task force. I hope that you will be able to serve as an active member. Dr. Paul Zagorski, representing the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee, and Dr. Bill Ivy, representing the Office of the Provost, will co-chair the group. They will convene the group early this semester. I ask that the task force submit its report before the end of the current academic year.

Thanks in advance for your contribution to this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynette J. Olson".

Lynette J. Olson, PhD  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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cc: Dr. Bill Ivy  
Dr. Paul Zagorski