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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Dr. Paul Zagorski  
Dr. William A. Ivy  
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Dear Dr. Zagorski and Dr. Ivy:

Thank you for your leadership of the Interdisciplinary Initiatives Task Force during the past year plus. I appreciate the time you and task force members devoted to the analysis of current interdisciplinary activity on campus with a special focus on "issues and inhibitors encountered by faculty members who lead those efforts" at Pittsburg State University as well as suggested strategies to encourage and enhance these important learning opportunities for students.

As you know, I received your report last month and met with members of the Task Force for clarification of some aspects of the report as well as proposals contained in the report. Based on the written report as well as our meeting, I anticipate making significant progress to address the challenges to stimulating interdisciplinary courses and programs. Over the next few weeks, I will work with the Provost's Leadership Council, sharing your report to stimulate follow up discussions, in particular around the Interdisciplinary Council which you propose. As part of this discussion, I believe it is important to consider both undergraduate and graduate study as we plan for a structure which will allow us to address the concerns the Task Force identified.

Thank you again for your leadership and the important work of the Task Force. If you want to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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

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