November 1, 2018

Cathy H. Wu, Ph.D.
Unidel Edward G. Jefferson Chair in Engineering and Computer Science
Director, Data Science Institute
Director, Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
Delaware Biotechnology Institute University of Delaware
15 Innovation Way, Suite 205
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Dear Dr. Wu,

The College of Engineering fully supports the Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CBCB) efforts to change the degree name from the PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology to the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science.

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Sincerely,

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Levi T. Thompson
Elizabeth Inez Kelley Professor of Chemical Engineering
Dean

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Sincerely,

Mark W. Rieger, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
Director, Agricultural Experiment Station
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Sincerely,

John A. Pelesko
Interim Dean
College of Arts & Sciences
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Estella Atekwana, Dean
College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment
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Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Health Sciences

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Dear Dr. Wu,

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Kathleen F. McCoy
Professor and Chair
November 1, 2018

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If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Peterson, Ed.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition
Email: pmpeter@udel.edu
Phone: 302-831-2265
TO: Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee  
FROM: Professor E. Fidelma Boyd, Interim Chair  
RE: Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Letter of Support  

November 2nd, 2018

Dear Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee,

The Department of Biological Sciences fully supports the Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CBCB) efforts to change the degree name from the PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology to the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science.

I look forward to the program’s continued success.

Sincerely,

E. Fidelma Boyd  
Professor and Interim Chair
November 2, 2018

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Sincerely,

Brian J. Bahnson, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
November 2, 2018

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Sincerely,

Mark A. Moline
Director, School of Marine Science and Policy
November 1, 2018

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Sincerely,

Lorraine J. Phillips
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Dear Dr. Wu,

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Sincerely,

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Respectfully,

Erik Ervin, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor
From: Lou Rossi  
Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences  
Date: 1 November 2018  
Re: Support for Bioinformatics & Systems Biology permanent status and name change.  
To: Dr. Wu and Colleagues

The Department of Mathematical Sciences fully supports the Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CBCB) efforts to change the degree name from the PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology to the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science.

We have ample capacity to enroll these students in our Math 637 Mathematical Techniques in Data Science course which is now an elective. We intend to offer it on a regular basis.

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Please let me know if there are any questions.
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Sincerely,

Thomas W. Ilvento, Professor and Chair
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Unidel Edward G. Jefferson Chair in Engineering and Computer Science
Director, Data Science Institute
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Kenneth E. Barner
Charles Black Evans Professor and Chair

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Sincerely,

Limin Kung, Jr., Ph.D.
S. Hallock du Pont Professor of Animal Sciences
Chairperson
November 7, 2018

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Director, Data Science Institute
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Dear Dr. Wu,

The Department of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology will support the following courses for inclusion in the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science curriculum. By supporting these courses we acknowledge our intent to teach these courses on a regular basis and to admit non-majors into these course as appropriate.

KAAP 602 Data Analysis and Interpretation in Health Sciences

The Department of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology is pleased to contribute to the education of students in this important area. Interdisciplinary programs such as the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science are a benefit to the University of Delaware and to our society.

Sincerely,

John J. Jeka, Ph.D.
Chair & Professor
November 7, 2018

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Best Regards,

Hemant V. Kher, PhD.
Professor and Chair
Department of Business Administration
November 9, 2018

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Director, Data Science Institute
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Eric M. Furst
Professor and Department Chair