December 3, 2018

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The program will be an excellent interdisciplinary option for both students and faculty. Please keep me updated on the progress of this proposal to the University of Delaware Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

Estella Atekwana, Ph.D.
Dean
4 December 2018

Nicole Donofrio, PhD
Associate Professor, Plant Pathology
162 Townsend Hall
Newark, DE 19716

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Kathleen S. Matt, PhD
Dean, College of Health Sciences
ksmatt@udel.edu
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Levi Thompson
Dean and
Elizabeth Inez Kelley Professor of Chemical Engineering
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Sincerely,

Mark Rieger
Dean and Professor
Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the CHEM 641, Biochemistry.

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative, and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in our classroom. We wish you great success.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Bahnson, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
November 26, 2018

Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences fully supports your efforts in the development of the new interdisciplinary Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum.

Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following courses:

MEDT 650 Medical Biochemistry
MEDT 690 Clinical and Molecular Cell Biology

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Esther Biswas-Fiss, Ph.D., MB(ASCP)CM
and Chair, Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences

cc: Dean, College of Health Sciences
Diana Levering, Academic Support Coordinator, MMSC
Samuel Wilson, College of Health Sciences Chief Business Officer
FROM: Professor E. Fidelma Boyd, Interim Chair

RE: New Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in Microbiology, Letter of Support

December 4th, 2018

Dear Drs Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Biological Sciences fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following course:

BISC850 Advanced Topics in Biology

The department looks forward to the new program’s success.

Sincerely,

E. Fidelma Boyd
Professor and Interim Chair
November 26, 2018

Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following three courses:

PLSC 619 Soil Microbiology
PLSC 611 Molecular Plant Pathology
PLSC811 Current Topics in Microbiology

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Respectfully,

Erik Ervin, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor
December 3, 2018

Dear Prof. Maresca and Prof. Donofrio:

The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following courses:

CHEG420: Biochemical Engineering
CHEG621: Metabolic Engineering

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eric M. Furst
Professor and Department Chair

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November 26, 2018

Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Animal and Food Sciences fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum. Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following two courses:

ANFS 635 Animal Virology
ANFS 636 Immunology of Domestic Animals
ANFS 639 Food Microbiology
ANFS 649 Food Biotechnology
ANFS 655 Gut Microbiome
ANFS 671 Paradigms in Cell Signaling

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Sincerely,

Limin Kung, Jr., Ph.D.
Professor and Chairperson
November 26, 2018

Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering fully supports your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum.

Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in CIEG644 Microbiology of Engineered Systems.

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Respectfully,

Sue McNeil, Ph.D. Chair and Professor
November 26, 2018

Dear Drs. Maresca and Donofrio,

On behalf of the School of Marine Science and Policy, I fully support your efforts in the development of the new Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in the area of Microbiology. We welcome students from the new programs to take courses within our department that fall within your curriculum.

Specifically, students will be allowed to enroll in the following courses, which support your program:

MAST625: Microbial Physiology and Diversity  
MAST626: Microbial Genetics and Genomics  
MAST616: Methods in Molecular Biology  
MAST634: Marine Molecular Science

We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to seeing Microbiology students in the classroom. We wish you great success.

Sincerely,

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