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Dear Esther,

The College of Health Sciences is in strong support of changing the department name to Biomedical Sciences. As you know, when the current department name was adopted, the department housed only one program—the undergraduate major in medical laboratory sciences. Since that time, the department has clearly grown and programmatically expanded, now including three undergraduate majors, three minors, two certificate programs, and two graduate programs, with additional academic programs being proposed this year. The department faculty has also grown and now includes a number of federally funded researchers.

The overarching field of study and research that ties the academic programs and programs of research together is clearly biomedical sciences. Dean Kathy Matt and I are enthusiastically supportive of the adoption of this new name for the department because it is the most accurate descriptor for the work that the department is currently, actively engaged in.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan J. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a rectangular box.

Susan J. Hall
Deputy Dean

Cc: D. Grasso, Provost
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