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Dear Members of the Department of Health and Society:

I am very pleased that Governing Council approved the creation of the Department of Health and Society at their recent June 25th meeting. This approval is the culmination of many years of effort. As many of you know, finding the right academic structure for your vibrant group of scholars was one of my first goals as Interim Dean in 2015. While I am thrilled with the high quality of recent hires into the Department, I would like to highlight the long-term commitment of those faculty and staff members who developed, advanced, and supported Health and Society programs for many years, refining them into the high-quality offerings they are today. For all members of the Department, I trust that this new structure will provide a foundation for faculty and student success and excellence. Finally, I am particularly grateful for Jessica's leadership in bringing this proposal forward in a tireless, collegial, and consultative fashion. I wish all of you the very best moving forward.

Yours sincerely,



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